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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THIS Year Book is published for circulation among the Members of the Collegiate Dutch Church, in order that each may know the amount and character of the Christian work carried on by the others, and that thus all may "consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." It is also intended to emphasize the fact that the different Congregations under the care of the Consistory are but parts of the same Church, members of one body, pervaded by a common life and having a common interest. It is desirable that the people should be attached to the Church, not so much by personal bonds as by an intelligent appreciation of its history, faith, usages and spirit.

The period of publication is in the Spring of each year, as soon as convenient after the election of the Consistory. This is in order that the list of the Corporation may be complete, and its standing committees appear as actually constituted for the current year. The statistics of the work of the several Churches and Chapels are made up for one year ending as nearly as possible on the first day of January preceding the date of publication.

An index will be hereafter furnished at the end of every fifth year, so that five numbers may be included in a volume. The pages of the Year Books will run seriatim throughout the five years. The present volume began with No. 16, and will comprise Year Books Nos. 16 to 20, inclusive.

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REPORT OF THE

No.	NAME		AGE	SEX	RELATION	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	RELIGION	POLITICAL	SOCIETY	MARRIAGE	CHILDREN	DEATH	CAUSE	DATE	PLACE	REMARKS
	1	2															
1	John	Smith	45	M	Husband	Farmer	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	2	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
2	Mary	Smith	42	F	Wife	Homemaker	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	2	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
3	Robert	Smith	18	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
4	Elizabeth	Smith	15	F	Daughter	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
5	James	Smith	12	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
6	William	Smith	10	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
7	Charles	Smith	8	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
8	Thomas	Smith	6	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
9	Richard	Smith	4	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	
10	David	Smith	2	M	Son	Student	High School	Methodist	Republican	None	Married	0	1980	Heart Disease	1980	Home	

Calvary Book Church

For the Year 1888

Calendar.

GOOD FRIDAY,	April 3d
EASTER,	April 5th
THE ASCENSION DAY,	May 14th
WHITSUN-DAY,	May 24th
CHRISTMAS,	December 25th

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MEMBER INFORMATION

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Collegiate Dutch Church

ORGANIZED A. D. 1628.

CHARTERED A. D. 1696.

The Corporation.

Ministers.

*THE REV. TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, S.T.D., LL.D.

THE REV. EDWARD B. COE, D.D., LL.D.

THE REV. DAVID JAS. BURRELL, D.D.

Elders.

For the term ending 1897.

GERARD BEEKMAN,

ROBERT BUCK,

JOHN S. BUSSING,

LEWIS JOHNSTON,

RALPH N. PERLEE,

CHARLES H. WOODRUFF,

For the term ending 1898.

LUCIUS H. BEERS,

HENRY W. BOOKSTAVEN,

WILLIAM P. GLENNEY,

JOHN GRAHAM,

FREDERIC R. HUTTON,

HENRY TALMADGE,

Deacons.

For the term ending 1897.

WILLIAM L. BROWER,

WILLIAM C. GIFFING,

HENRY L. HARRISON,

CHARLES H. STITT,

WILLIAM H. VAN STEENBERGH

JOSEPH WALKER, JR.

For the term ending 1898.

ROBERT NOYES FAIRBANKS,

FRANCIS L. IVES, M. D.,

FRANCIS E. LAMBEER,

CHARLES A. RUNK,

CUMMINGS H. TUCKER, JR.,

THEODORE WENTZ.

Officers of the Corporation.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

CHARLES STEWART PHILLIPS, *Clerk.*

The office is at 113 Fulton Street.

The regular meetings of the Consistory, composed of the Ministers, Elders and Deacons as noted, are held in the Consistory Room of the Church at Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street, on the first Thursday evening of each month, at eight o'clock.

Communications should be sent to the Clerk.

* Died February 3d, 1896.

Standing Committees of the Consistory.

Finance.

	Term Ends.
CHARLES H. WOODRUFF,	1897
LEWIS JOHNSTON,	1898
HENRY W. BOOKSTAYER,	1899
RALPH N. PERLEE,	1900
HENRY TALMADGE,	1901
ROBERT BUCK,	1902

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer, ex-officio*,
113 Fulton Street.

Church Masters.

First Class. Term Ends 1898.	Second Class. Term Ends 1897.
MESSRS. GLENNEY AND RUNK.	MESSRS. BUSSING, BROWER AND GIFFING.

Sacred Music.

MESSRS. GLENNEY, PERLEE, WOODRUFF, BROWER AND LAIMBEER.

Applications for Aid.

MESSRS. BUSSING, GLENNEY, JOHNSTON, HARRISON AND WENTZ

North Church Chapel.

MESSRS. BEERS, HUTTON, WOODRUFF, TUCKER AND VAN
STEENBERGH.

Knox Memorial Chapel.

MESSRS. BUCK, GRAHAM, TALMADGE, BROWER AND FAIREBANKS.

Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.

MESSRS. BUSSING, JOHNSTON, PERLEE, VAN STEENBERGH AND
WENTZ.

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University Heights Church.

MESSRS. BEERS, BOOKSTAVEN, TALMADGE, RUNK AND WALKER.

Collections.

REV. DR. COE, REV. DR. BURRELL, REV. MR. COBB,
REV. MR. FAGG AND MR. BUCK.

Year Book of 1897.

REV. MR. COBB, MESSRS. BUSSING, TALMADGE, BROWER AND
WENTZ.

Trustees of the Church School.

	Term Ends
FIRST CLASS—MESSRS. BOOKSTAVEN AND HUTTON.....	1899
SECOND CLASS—MESSRS. BEEKMAN AND PERLEE.....	1897
THIRD CLASS—MESSRS. BEERS AND GLENNEY AND MR. ROBERT SCHELL.....	1898

Middle Church (Special Committee).

MESSRS. GRAHAM, GLENNEY, WOODRUFF, BROWER AND
VAN STEENBERGH.

The Clergy.

Ministers.

*THE REV. TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, S.T.D., LL.D.,
THE REV. EDWARD B. COE, D.D., LL.D.,
THE REV. DAVID JAS. BURRELL, D.D.

Assistant Ministers.

THE REV. HENRY EVERTSON COBB,
THE REV. JOHN GERARDUS FAGG.

Other Clergy Officiating.

THE REV. KENNETH F. JUNOR, M.D.
THE REV. WILLIAM VAUGHAN,
THE REV. ALFRED E. MYERS,
THE REV. JOHN LEWIS CLARK,
THE REV. ARCHIBALD H. BRADSHAW,
THE REV. JAMES M. FARR, JR.

* Died February 3d, 1896.

The Diaconate.

THE Diaconate of the Collegiate Church consists of those Deacons (twelve in number) who are members of the Consistory. The following constitute the Board for the present year :

WILLIAM L. BROWER,	CHARLES A. RUNK,
ROBERT NOYES FAIRBANKS,	CHARLES H. STITT,
WILLIAM C. GIFFING,	CUMMINGS H. TUCKER, JR.,
HENRY L. HARRISON,	WILLIAM H. VAN STEENBERGH,
FRANCIS L. IVES, M.D.,	JOSEPH WALKER, JR.,
FRANCIS E. LAIMBEER,	THEODORE WENTZ.

The Collegiate Church still finds, as she has done in all past periods of her history, the truth of the Saviour's words : "The poor ye have always with you," and for them she makes constant provision.

The province of the Board of Deacons, let it be understood, is to assist only those who are members of our Church in full communion, connected with one of our associated Churches, or with either of the Chapels.

The Board is very efficiently organized for its special work. Its members are divided into monthly standing committees, consisting of two persons, whose duty it is to call on pensioners, if accessible, at least once a

NOTE ON THE DIACONATE.—In his "Christian Institutions" Dean Stanley remarks concerning the Order of Deacons that "the only institution which retains at once the name and reality is the Diaconate, as it exists in the Dutch Church."

month, and to have charge of all persons requiring or applying for assistance, relieving their wants, calling in medical aid when required, and in case of death to make the necessary arrangements for the funeral and to attend the same.

The beneficiaries are divided into three classes to systematize the work and accomplish the best results. The pensioners referred to above are those of the Lord's poor, who, having been found faithful and deserving, receive a stated sum each month, varying according to their respective needs, but upon which they can rely, and without which they could not fail to become a charge upon the authorities, and so bring a reproach upon our Church. Another class is composed of those whose cases are given to the care of individual Deacons, either on account of their special knowledge of the circumstances or at the request of the beneficiary who prefers to receive assistance always through the same channel. All new cases and those not already accepted, form the third class in care of the committee for the month.

The Board depends upon the monthly offerings of the congregations for the funds to prosecute its labors. The offerings of the congregations during the year amounted to \$3,506.76. These funds are distributed by the Deacons in person, with delicacy and yet with care, and they seek to unite Christian sympathy and love with a sound judgment, so as not to break down self-respect or encourage a habit of unseemly dependence. This often requires no small amount of time and pains, but the end is deemed to be worth all its costs. At best the amount given to each beneficiary

can be but small, and is generally not more than sufficient to pay a modest rent in some unpretending apartment.

The "Collegiate Church Free Bed in perpetuity" in the Presbyterian Hospital is open for the use of the poor, and its privileges are granted by the Board of Deacons.

The number of persons regularly assisted by the Board for the year just closed was from 22 to 26. A large proportion of these were widows. One person is at present living in the Presbyterian Home, in West Seventy-third Street, where her board is regularly paid from the Deacons' Treasury. Another is an inmate of the Home for Incurables. Two deaths occurred in 1894.

Where death occurs it is generally the case that there is no provision on the part of the deceased for the payment of the funeral expenses, and that the relatives and friends are too poor to defray them. In such cases the charge is deemed a proper one to be borne by the Board.

The congregations are earnestly desired to continue their liberal provision for the work, which continues alike through summer and winter. It has often been the expressed wish of the Deacons that a more intimate knowledge of their work among the poor could be had by the congregations; hence the publication of this statement. The Deacons are ready and willing to give information at any time to those who seek it, or the Secretary will gladly call in person if desired.

For convenient reference a list of the monthly committees is herewith appended.

Visiting Committees of the Board of Deacons, 1896.

- February....Charles A. Runk, 165 West Fifty-eighth St., and Joseph Walker, Jr.
 March.....Joseph Walker, Jr., 112 East Thirty-seventh St., and Robert Noyes Fairbanks.
 April.....Robert Noyes Fairbanks, 6 West One Hundred and Twenty-third St., and William L. Brower.
 May.....William L. Brower, 28 West Twenty-second St., and Francis E. Laimbeer.
 June.....Francis E. Laimbeer, 206 Broadway, and William C. Giffing.
 July.....William C. Giffing, 277 West Seventy-first St., and Theodore Wentz.
 August.....Theodore Wentz, 328 West Seventy-seventh St., and Charles H. Stitt.
 September..Charles H. Stitt, 181 West Eighty-eighth St., and Cummings H. Tucker, Jr.
 October....Cummings H. Tucker, Jr., 309 West Eighty-seventh St., and William H. Van Steenbergh.
 November..William H. Van Steenbergh, 352 Madison Ave., and Francis L. Ives, M. D.
 December..Francis L. Ives, M. D., 117 East Thirtieth St., and Henry L. Harrison.
 Jan., 1897...Henry L. Harrison, 69 East Fifty-fourth St., and Charles A. Runk.

WILLIAM L. BROWER,

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Deacons,

170 William Street.

The Board of Deacons meets in the North Church Chapel, 113 Fulton Street, at five o'clock on the Tuesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

The Communion Services.

The LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated as follows :

In the Middle Church, 2d Avenue and 7th Street—First Lord's Day in January, April, October, and Last Lord's Day in June, in the morning. Also a special administration of the Lord's Supper on the Last Lord's Day in May and November, in the evening.

In the Church, 5th Avenue and 29th Street—First Lord's Day in February, April, June, October and December, in the morning.

In the Church, 5th Avenue and 48th Street—First Lord's Day in March, June and December, and Last Lord's Day in September, in the morning. Also a special administration of the Lord's Supper on the First Lord's Day in January, February, April and May, in the afternoon.

In the Church, West End Avenue and 77th Street—Last Lord's Day in January, March, May, July, September and November, in the morning, and a joint Communion* of all the Churches and Chapels in the afternoon of Sunday, November 1st.

In the Knox Memorial Chapel, 514 9th Avenue—Last Lord's Day in January, April, July and October, in the evening.

In the Vermilye Chapel, 416 West 54th Street—Second Lord's Day in March, June and November, in the evening.

In the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church—At such time as shall be officially designated.

The Organists.

LOUIS C. JACOBY, 211 East 29th St.,

Organist of the Middle Church.

RICHARD T. PERCY, 3 West 29th St.,

Organist of Church, 5th Ave. and 19th St.

CARL WALTER, 795 Lexington Ave.,

Organist of Church, 5th Ave. and 48th St.

*With a view to the outward expression of the common bond which unites our Churches and Chapels, and in order to promote mutual edification and fellowship, it has become the custom for all the congregations to join in the reception of the Lord's Supper on the afternoon of the first Lord's Day in November, when the ordinance has formerly been administered in the Church at Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street. In 1896 this service will be held in the Church at West End Avenue and Seventy-seventh Street.

SUMNER SALTER, Carnegie Hall,
Organist of Church, West End Ave. and 77th st.
P. R. RICHTER,
Organist of Knox Memorial Chapel.
CHAS. E. MEAD, 2145 7th Ave.,
Organist of Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.

The Choristers.

Choir of Middle Church.

Soprano, Miss B. HORNBY. Tenor, WM. HALL.
Alto, Miss HELEN FERNBACH. Bass, HENRY W. ROBINSON.

Choir of Church, 5th Ave. and 29th St.

Soprano, MRS. ANNA M. BURCH. Tenor, H. EVANS WILLIAMS.
Alto, Miss ZORA G. HORLÖCKER. Bass, CARL E. DUFFT.

Choir of Church, 5th Ave. and 48th St.

Soprano, Miss LILA JUEL. Tenor, W. F. TOOKER, JR.
Alto, MRS. LUCILLE SAUNDERS
McGUCKIN. Bass, JOHN BOLZE.

And a full chorus, under the direction of MR. CARL WALTER.

Choir of Church, West End Ave. and 77th St.

Soprano, Miss F. CARTZDAFNER. Tenor, CHAS. TYLER DUTTON.
Alto, MRS. W. D. BLOODGOOD. Bass, H. B. PHINNEY.

The Sextons and Their Deputies.

James Dunshee, 50 7th St....Sexton of the Middle Church.
C. H. Styles, 168 E. 72d St...Sexton of 5th Ave. & 29th St. Church.
Simon Dobson.....Deputy.
C. Van Roden, 224 E. 50th St..Sexton of 5th Ave. & 48th St. Church.
William Sundberg.....Deputy.
T. De Witt Dunshee..... } Sexton of West End Ave. & 77th St.
106 W. 92d St..... } Church.
Robert A. Donnelly.....Deputy.
John Cook.....Janitor of North Church Chapel.
James H. Swan.....Janitor of De Witt Chapel.
John Cleverley, 406 W. 29th St..Sexton of 34th St. Reformed Church.
G. H. Koch.....Janitor of Knox Memorial Chapel.

Schedule of Benevolent Offerings.

First Lord's Day.	Third Lord's Day.	Last Lord's Day.
January....Missions	Church Building Fund....	Poor of the Church
February... "	Board of Education.....	" "
March..... "	Church Sunday-schools....	" "
April..... "	Board of Foreign Missions.	" "
May ... Am. Tract Society	Church Extension Commit- tee of Classis of N. Y.	" "
June..... Missions	Board of Publication.....	" "
July..... " }	{ *Seamen's Friend and }	
August.... " }	{ Port Societies..... }	" "
September.. "	Am. S. S. Union and Sun- day-schools in Charge of	" "
October.... "	General Synod.	
October... N.Y. City 2d Lord's Missions Day.	New York Bible Society...	" "
November. Missions	Board of Domestic Mis- sions.....	" "
December.. "	One-fourth to Widows' Fund and three-fourths to Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	Hospitals.

Offerings at the Lord's Supper, and also, when not otherwise ordered, those made on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, are for the poor of the Church.

The offerings for "Missions" noted above are equally divided between the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions unless otherwise specified.

* Equally divided between these Societies, unless otherwise specified.

The Succession of Ministers.

1628—1896.

JONAS MICHAELIUS,	(circa)	1628-1633
EVERARDUS BOGARDUS,		1633-1647
JOHANNES BACKERUS,		1647-1649
JOANNES MEGAPOLENSIS,		1649-1669
SAMUEL DRISIUS,		1652-1673
SAMUEL MEGAPOLENSIS,		1664-1668
WILHELMUS VAN NIEWENHUYSEN,		1671-1682
HENRICUS SELYNS,		1682-1701
GUALTERUS DU BOIS,		1699-1751
HENRICUS BOEL,		1713-1754
JOANNES RITZEMA,		1744-1784
LAMBERTUS DE RONDE,		1751-1784
ARCHIBALD LAIDLIE,		1764-1779
JOHN HENRY LIVINGSTON,		1770-1812
WILLIAM LINN,		1785-1805
GERARDUS ARENSE KUYPERS,		1789-1833
JOHN NEILSON ABEEL,		1795-1812
JOHN SCHUREMAN,		1809-1812
JACOB BRODHEAD,		1809-1813
PHILIP MILLEDOLER,		1813-1825
JOHN KNOX,		1816-1858
PASCHAL NELSON STRONG,		1816-1825
WILLIAM CRAIG BROWNLEE,		1826-1860
THOMAS DE WITT,		1827-1874
THOMAS EDWARD VERMILYE,		1839-1893
TALBOT WILSON CHAMBERS,		1849-1896
JOSEPH TUTHILL DURYEA,		1862-1867
JAMES MEEKER LUDLOW,		1868-1877
WILLIAM ORMISTON,		1870-1888
EDWARD BENTON COE,		1879-....
DAVID JAMES BURRELL,		1891-....

Assistant Ministers.

JOHN HUTCHINS,	1892-1895
HENRY EVERTSON COBB,	1893-....
JOHN GERARDUS FAGG,	1896-....

The Great Consistory.

[The Acting Consistory is composed of twelve Elders and as many Deacons, one-half of whom are chosen every year. In important matters, such as the call of a minister, all who have ever held either office, and continue members of the Church, are called together to give counsel, and the body thus constituted is known as the Great Consistory.]

GERARD BEEKMAN,
LUCIUS H. BEERS,
WILLIAM BOGARDUS,
HENRY W. BOOKSTAYER,
JAMES H. BRIGGS,
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
WILLIAM L. BROWER,
ROBERT BUCK,
JOHN S. BUSSING,
JAS. VAN DYCK CARD,
CHARLES A. COLBY,
PETER DONALD,
ROBERT NOYES FAIRBANKS,
WILLIAM C. GIFFING,
DAVID GILLESPIE,
WILLIAM P. GLENNEY,
JOHN GRAHAM,
ISAAC J. GREENWOOD,
HENRY L. HARRISON,
JAMES HOPKINS,
SAMUEL V. V. HUNTINGTON,
FREDERIC R. HUTTON,
FRANCIS L. IVES, M. D.,
GEORGE T. JACKSON, M. D.,
WILLIAM E. JACKSON,
LEWIS JOHNSTON,

ALEXIS A. JULIEN,
HENRY E. KNOX,
FRANCIS E. LAIMBEER,
EDWARD V. Z. LANE,
FRANCIS T. L. LANE,
ROBERT F. LITTLE,
I. FERRIS LOCKWOOD,
*EBENEZER MONROE,
EDWARD A. MORRISON,
RALPH N. PERLEE,
CHAS. STEWART PHILLIPS,
WILLIAM V. V. POWERS,
CHARLES A. RUNK,
WILLIAM B. RUNK,
CHARLES H. STITT,
HENRY SNYDER,
HENRY TALMADGE,
CUMMINGS H. TUCKER, JR.,
WILLIAM H. VAN STEENBERGH,
ABRAHAM V. W. VAN VECHTEN,
JASPER T. VAN VLECK,
JOSEPH WALKER, JR.,
PETER R. WARNER,
THEODORE WENTZ,
AUGUSTUS S. WHITON,
CHARLES H. WOODRUFF,

FREDERICK F. WOODWARD.

*Died April 3d, 1896.

The Churches and Chapels



THE Collegiate Church maintains nine places of worship, as follows :

1. Middle Church, Second Avenue and 7th Street.
2. Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street.
3. Church, Fifth Avenue and 48th Street.
4. Church, West End Avenue and 77th Street.
5. University Heights Church (Chapel of the University of the City of New York, 181st Street).
6. North Church Chapel, 113 Fulton Street.
(Fulton Street Prayer Meeting)
7. Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.
8. Knox Memorial Chapel, 514 Ninth Avenue.
9. Vermilye Chapel, 416 West 54th Street.



THE Dutch and Walloon immigrants who formed the first agricultural settlement in New Netherlands in 1623 held their religious meetings for a number of years in a spacious room in a loft above the first horse-mill erected on the island, and continued to do so even after the Church was organized in July, 1628.

The following is a list of the buildings erected for worship from the beginning. In the Year Books previous to 1894, a full description of each of them is given, and in that of 1893 this is accompanied by pictorial illustrations so far as these were obtainable :

1. A Wooden Building on the East River, 1633.
2. The Stone Church in the Fort, 1642.
3. The First Garden Street Church, 1693.
4. The Old Middle Church in Nassau Street, 1729.
5. The North Church, William Street, 1769.
6. The Second Garden Street Church, 1807.
7. The Middle Church, La Fayette Place, 1839.
8. The Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street Church, 1854.
9. De Witt Chapel, 160 West Twenty-ninth Street, 1861.
10. Knox Memorial Chapel, 514 Ninth Avenue, 1866.
11. Seventh Avenue Chapel, Seventh Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street, 1869.
12. North Church Chapel, 113 Fulton Street, 1869.
13. The Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street Church, 1872.
14. The New Middle Church, Second Avenue, 1892.
15. The West End Avenue and Seventy-seventh Street Church, 1892.

The following buildings were erected by independent congregations, and title thereto subsequently acquired by the Collegiate Church :

- The Ninth Street Church, 1836.
 The Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church, 1860.

General Statistics.

Members in full Communion.

Number of Communicants, December 31, 1895.....	2,742
Died during the year.....	29
Dismissed to other churches.....	42
Received on confession.....	138
Received by certificate.....	123

Baptisms during the year 1895.

Infants.....	73
Adults... ..	18
	—
	91

Sunday-Schools.

	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.
Middle Church.....	42	542
Church, 5th Avenue and 29th Street.....	23	187
Church, 5th Avenue and 48th Street.....	12	45
Church, West End Avenue and 77th Street..	23	138
University Heights Church.....	7	30
Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.....	49	550
Knox Memorial Chapel.....	36	1,204
Vermilye Chapel.....	46	640
	238	3,336

General Statement

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STATISTICS

OF THE

General Churches and Chapels



The Middle Church.

SECOND AVENUE AND SEVENTH STREET.

(Church House, No. 50 Seventh Street.)

ALL SEATS IN THIS CHURCH ARE FREE.

REV. JOHN G. FAGG, 43 Lafayette Place, in charge.

PETER BRUCE, 50 Seventh Street,
Lay Assistant.

Visitors—MRS. HENRY LAUTENSCHLAGER, 318 Sixth Street.

MRS. J. W. BECKER, 436 Fifth Street.



Services.

SUNDAY—At 9.30 A. M. Sunday-school, with Primary, Intermediate and Advanced Departments and Bible classes, for young men and young women.

At 11 A. M. Public Worship, with Sermon by the Minister in charge.

At 7.15 P. M. Devotional Meeting, for people.

At 8 P. M. Public worship, with Sermon.

TUESDAY—At 12 M. Meeting of the Minister and Visitors.

WEDNESDAY—At 8 P. M. Mid-week Service for Prayer and Praise.

At 9.15 P. M.—Teacher's Meeting for the study of the Lesson for the following Sunday.

THURSDAY — At 2 P. M. Devotional Meeting, for Women.

FRIDAY — At 3.30 P. M. Morning Star Mission Band, for Girls.

SATURDAY — At 10.30 A. M. The Industrial School (October to April).

The Communion is celebrated at the morning service on January 5th, April 5th, June 28th, October 4th.

A special celebration of the Communion is held on the last Lord's Day of May and November at the evening service.

Preparatory Service on the Wednesday evening, and Communicants' Prayer Meeting on the Saturday evening, preceding the Communion.

The Church House affords, with its Reading Room, Gymnasium and other appliances, special opportunities for instruction, recreation and physical training. These privileges are for the regular attendants upon the Church in one or more of its branches, and may be secured upon fulfilling the conditions, by application to the proper officers.

The Minister in charge may be seen at the Church House on each week day, Mondays excepted, from 12

M. to 12.30 P. M., and on Sunday and Wednesday evenings after the service.

Communications on any branch of the work can be sent by mail to the Church House, No. 50 Seventh Street, or left in the Pastor's box in the vestibule of the Church, or in the box at the door of the Church House.

The Sunday-School.

[ORGANIZED 1839.]

Officers and Teachers,	42
Scholars,	
Main School,	251
Intermediate Department,	67
Primary Department,	224
	— 542
Average attendance,	435

The School meets every Sunday morning at half-past nine o'clock throughout the year.

A schedule of lessons based upon the International Series is specially prepared for this School by its Committee each year. These are incorporated into a lesson-book, together with questions on the lessons, to be answered by the scholar in writing. This book also contains the Compendium of the Heidelberg Catechism with its questions, answers and proof-texts printed in full, a definite portion being assigned to each Sunday in the year. A copy of this lesson-book is placed in the hands of each scholar. Easter, Ascension, Whitsuntide and Christmas have their special lessons. For many years efforts have been successfully made to exalt the Bible as the text-book of the School and to

discourage the use of any so-called "helps" which might usurp its place. The recitation of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the names of the books of the Bible in their order is still required of all who enter the main School. Upon fulfilling these conditions each scholar is presented with a Bible, and if, six months after, these are remembered the name of the scholar is printed in gilt on the cover of the book.

During the year the Intermediate Department has been reorganized on a very efficient basis.

Report of the Sunday-school for the year ending October 1st, 1895.

The Treasurer received from all sources, for expenses of the School, \$853.86.

Total expenditures, \$922.37.

There were also contributed, during the year, \$404.15, for the use of the sick and needy, and \$552.70 for the Fresh Air work.

By means of the latter, four hundred and fifty-five persons (young, middle-aged and old) enjoyed either a vacation or an outing, conjointly with the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, some of them purchasing their own tickets at reduced rates through the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, or by the kindness of the railway companies. The following were the places visited: Sixty-two persons were sent to places in New Jersey; thirty-two in the State of Massachusetts; twenty-eight in the State of New York, and twelve in the State of Pennsylvania. All these enjoyed from a week to two weeks' stay in the country.

Of the Outings, twenty-eight persons had a day's pleasure at Raritan, N. J.; twenty-seven at Nyack, N. Y.; eighty at Glen Island, N. Y.; fifteen at Hightstown, N. J.; three at Dover, N. J.; while one hundred and sixty-eight were sent on the Tribune excursions, etc.

The missionary offerings of the children for the year amounted to \$240.93, which sum, together with a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$42.05, was appropriated as follows :

Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$50 00
“ “ “ “ (Special for debt).....	50 00
“ “ Domestic “	50 00
Miss Kate Youngman, Japan.....	50 00
Bed in Sio-Ke Hospital.....	35 00
Rev. Mr. Zeigler, work in South Dakota.....	47 98
Total.....	\$282 98

OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent, WM. L. BROWER, 170 William Street.

Assistant Superintendent, MISS MARY W. KNOX, 43 Lafayette Place.

Assistant Superintendent, JOHN M. HUIELL, 286 Madison Street.

Treasurer, JOHN F. CHAMBERS, 177 West 95th Street.

Secretary, OTTO F. GEIS, 218 East 5th Street.

Assistant Secretary, CHARLES S. ELLIOTT, 111 Waverley Place.

Librarian, DE WITT KNOX, 177 West 95th Street.

Assistant Librarian, MARTIN BENDER, 188 Allen Street.

TEACHERS.

Main School.

MRS. AIKEN,
MRS. BECKER,
MISS CLARK,
MRS. FAGG,
MISS C. FLECK,

MISS L. FLECK,
MISS GIFFING,
MRS. DE WITT KNOX,
MISS KOEHLER,
MRS. LAUTENSCHLAGER.

MISS MOTZ,
MISS OLCOTT,
MISS REID,
MISS SINNOTT,
MRS. SPARKS
MISS UECKER,
MRS. VAN ARSDALE,
MISS VOLZ,

MISS E. E. WAGNER,
MISS WARD,
WM. L. BROWER,
W. R. CURTIS,
GEORGE DOUGLAS,
HENRY GERLACH
JOHN GRAHAM,
J. M. HUIELL,

F. MCKEE.

Visitor, MISS J. MENKEL, 315 East 6th Street.

Intermediate Department.

MISS L. WAGNER, }
PETER BRUCE, } in charge.

Assistants, MISS E. LEROCKER, MISS C. NEELSEN, MISS EGBERTS.

Primary Department.

JOHN F. CHAMBERS in charge.

Assistants, MISS J. MENKEL, MISS MARY EGBERTS.

Organist, MISS WHITE.

The Industrial School.

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 2, 1861.]

Meets every Saturday from half-past ten o'clock A. M. until half-past twelve o'clock P. M. from the last Saturday of October until the last Saturday of April, inclusive.

The object of the School is to instruct the children of our working classes in sewing, and to exert a Christian influence upon them and the families they represent.

The children are taught verses of Scripture and

many beautiful hymns during the half hour preceding the instruction in sewing.

The method of sewing has been proved for some years, and is as follows :

1. Cutting ; creasing ; threading the needle and use of thimble ;
making a knot and a stitch.
2. Running patch.
3. Overhand patch.
4. *a*—Folding narrow hem on paper.
b—Making narrow hem on patch.
5. *a*—Folding wide hem on paper.
b—Making wide hem on patch.
6. *a*—Cutting bias on paper.
b—Fell seam on patch.
7. Gathering patch.
8. *a*—Darning on canvas.
b—Darning on patch.
9. Patching.
10. Buttonholes.

As each patch is finished it is put into a book and each child having in her book the ten completed patches is entitled to a garment.

The School has 258 scholars.

The following are the officers and teachers of the School :

OFFICERS.

First Directress, MISS MARY W. KNOX, 43 Lafayette Place.

Second Directress, MRS. DE WITT KNOX, 177 West 95th Street.

Secretary and Treasurer, MISS MARY W. KNOX, 43 Lafayette Place.

TEACHERS.

MRS. J. W. BECKER,
MISS S. A. BURGESS,
MISS EDITH CADMUS,

MISS S. M. CLARK,
MISS M. K. CORNELL,
MRS. WM. K. DAVISON,

MISS MARY DUNSHEE,	MISS J. MENKEL,
MRS. JOHN C. FAGG,	MISS J. S. MULLIGAN,
MISS JULIA M. FANNING,	MISS VIRGINIA OGDEN,
MISS C. FLECK,	MISS ANNA W. OLCOTT,
MISS EMILY C. FINCKE,	MISS E. POTTS,
MISS J. G. GABAUDAN,	MRS. AMELIA S. RICHARDSON.
MISS M. L. GIBBS,	MISS E. W. SAUNDERS,
MISS M. E. GIFFING,	MISS G. SAUNDERS,
MISS M. M. GREENWOOD,	MISS CORA SILVERMAN,
MRS. JAMES A. GLOVER,	MRS. W. WHEELER SMITH,
MRS. JOHN GRAHAM,	MISS M. E. SPARKS,
MRS. H'Y LAUTENSCHLAGER,	MRS. HENRY VAN ARSDALE.
MISS R. LAUTENSCHLAGER,	MRS. A. B. WOOD.

Visitor, Miss J. MENKEL, 315 Sixth Street.

Executive Committee.

MRS. GLOVER,	MISS OLCOTT,
MRS. JEREMIAH (Hon. Mem.),	MRS. W. WHEELER SMITH,
MRS. DE WITT KNOX,	MRS. VAN ARSDALE,
MRS. GRAHAM,	MISS KNOX.

Girls' Monday Evenings.

The special work for the girls and young women of the Church and Schools is carried on on Monday evenings under the direction of a committee, the object being to promote their physical, mental and spiritual welfare.

The Church House—reading-room, gymnasium and social rooms—is thrown open for their use on Monday evenings. The plan of work is as follows:

First and Third Mondays of each month—Physical Culture.

Second Monday of each month—Readings and Recitations.

Fourth Monday of each month—Missionary Countries and Missionary Work.

The following is the Committee :

Chairman, MRS. DE WITT KNOX.

MISS M. W. KNOX.

MISS L. WAGNER.

MISS A. W. OLCOTT.

Secretary, MISS J. MENKEL.

The Woman's Missionary Society.

This Society numbers about sixty members. Meetings are held monthly, except during the summer, and at the conclusion of these meetings a half hour is devoted to social intercourse.

The amount contributed last year to the W. E. C. for general work was fifty-five dollars, and two shares of ten dollars each for the student missionary work in the summer.

About fifty dollars was sent to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and nearly twenty dollars for the teacher for the Ranipet school in India. A Christmas box was also sent to a Sunday-school in South Dakota.

The officers of the Society are :

President, MRS JOHN G. FAGG.

Vice-President, MRS. HENRY VAN ARSDALE.

Secretary, MISS A. W. OLCOTT.

Treasurer for Domestic Missions, MRS. DE WITT KNOX.

Treasurer for Foreign Missions, MRS. JOHN GRAHAM.

The Young Women's Missionary Association.

The Young Women's Missionary Association meets on the last Monday evening of each month.

The object of the Association is to inspire an earnest and intelligent enthusiasm in the missionary work of our Church, and to willingly aid both the Foreign and Domestic fields.

Membership is open to all girls of the Sunday-school.

The Christmas box last year was sent to the Rev. Mr. Zeigler, of Harrison, South Dakota, for distribution among the girls and boys of his school. It was filled not only with toys and games, but many useful articles as well.

The efforts of the young women were directed last year to the raising of some money for the education of a girl in India. The plan adopted realized the sum of \$60.00, a sufficient amount for the education of two girls.

On the evening of March 19th, 1895, Miss Lawrence gave a very interesting talk on Oriental countries. A novel feature of the evening was the illustration of the dress, manners and customs of the people of the East by the members of the Association, under the direction of Miss Cobb. The Vocal Union also rendered valuable assistance.

President, MRS. DE WITT KNOX.

Vice-Presidents, MISS A. W. OLCOTT.

MISS L. WAGNER.

MISS J. MENKEL.

Treasurer, MISS J. MOTZ.

Secretary, MISS E. E. WAGNER.

The King's Daughters.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Van Arsdale, the King's Daughters are carrying on a good work, by helping women and children who are destitute of necessary clothing, and making other articles for the comfort of the poor.

A goodly number of garments have been made during the past year and also several quilts.

The Morning Star Mission Band.

This was formerly called the Children's Missionary Society, and was organized for the purpose of interesting the girls of the Schools in acquiring a knowledge of the Bible and of inspiring them with a missionary spirit.

The Meetings of the Band are in charge of Mrs. Henry Lautenschlager, and are held on Friday afternoons at half-past three o'clock. The exercises consist of singing, recitation of Bible verses, questions and answers on Bible subjects, and an offering for some missionary object.

During the past year the Band raised the sum of \$6.70, part of which was given to the work of Foreign and Domestic missions and the balance expended in little deeds of kindly charity.

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The Collegiate Literary Society.

This Society was organized in November, 1894, its object being to promote the intellectual welfare of the young people of the Church and to make them more useful in its service.

Before beginning the work of the Society in the fall of 1895, the constitution and by-laws were revised and some important alterations made. The meetings of the Society are held on Friday evenings from September to June. The exercises are begun with a brief study of the Bible or of some subject connected with it ; then follows a literary programme consisting of readings, essays, debates, etc. After an intermission of ten minutes the necessary business of the Society is transacted. A bi-monthly paper, called the "Collegiate Journal," is read at the second meeting of each alternate month. Occasional social meetings are also held.

The membership is restricted to the young men and young women connected with the Church or Schools who are sixteen years of age and over.

The officers are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. There are also three Committees—Admission, Visiting and Ushering, the work of the last two being in connection with the Church services.

The following is a list of the present officers and chairmen of committees :

OFFICERS.

President, CHARLES L. KREKEL.

Vice-President, JOHN F. CHAMBERS.

Secretary, MISS ANNA PAVLIS.

Treasurer, MISS CHRISTINE NEELSEN.

COMMITTEES.

Admission.

Chairman, CHAS. S. ELLIOTT.

Visiting.

Chairman, MISS LOUISA MENNERICH.

Ushering.

Chairman, MR. FREDERICK LEROCKER.

The Vocal Union.

Under the leadership of Mr. L. C. Jacoby, the Vocal Union has made very good progress during the year.

The members of the Union assisted in the missionary evening on March 19, 1895, and took special part in the services on Easter, Children's Day and Christmas, and on the occasion of the induction of Mr. Fagg.

The Penny Provident Fund.

The object of the Fund is to inculcate habits of providence and thrift amongst young and old, and it aims to do what savings banks do not do—invite savings of small sums less than one dollar. When a few dollars have been saved, depositors are invited and assisted to open an account in some savings bank where interest can be earned. They are then encouraged to again continue to save small amounts in the Fund, and later to make

another deposit in the savings bank. Deposits are receipted for by stamps attached to a stamp card, a system widely used in England and other countries. This primary banking business is educational in its tendencies as well as remedial.

Since its adoption in the Middle Church it has been very successful, the number of depositors increasing year by year. Over four hundred and fifty depositors are on its list.

Treasurer for the Middle Church :

MRS. HENRY LAUTENSCHLAGER.

Hours for depositors :

Wednesday afternoons, from 3.30 o'clock to 4.30 o'clock.

Monday evenings, from 7.30 o'clock to 8.30 o'clock.

Saturdays, immediately before and after Industrial School.

Boys' Brigade.

A Military Company or branch of the "Boys' Brigade" meets for drill on Tuesday evenings at seven o'clock. Mr. W. R. George, late a member of the 22d Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., is the instructor.

Boys belonging to the Sunday-school between the ages of 12 and 16 are eligible to membership in the Company.

The Reading Room and Library.

The Reading Room, well stocked with weeklies and monthly magazines, together with a circulating library of choice books, is open every week evening, except Saturday or when services are in progress.

The Gymnasium.

The Gymnasium is for the use of all connected with the Church or Schools, who are of the required age.

On the first and third Monday evenings of each month there are classes in physical culture for girls and young women. The girls' class meets at 7.30 and the young women's class at 8 o'clock. Instructress, Miss Maud Parcells.

On Thursday evening there is a class for boys at seven and another for young men at 8 o'clock. Instructor, Robert McCastline. There is also a class for the smaller boys at 3.30 P. M. on Friday.

Church

Fifth Avenue and 29th Street.

REV. DAVID JAS. BURRELL, D.D., 243 West 75th Street
in charge.

REV. ALFRED E. MYERS, 309 West 70th Street,

REV. JOHN LEWIS CLARK, 1248 Madison Avenue.

Assistants to the Minister in charge.

MR. H. A. KINPORTS, 141 West 84th Street, Lay Assistant.



Services.

- SUNDAY**—At 9.20 A. M. Morning Prayer.
 At 9.30 A. M. Sunday-school.
 At 11 A. M. Public Worship, with Sermon.
 At 7 P. M. Prayer Meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society.
 At 8 P. M. Public Worship, with Sermon.
- MONDAY**—... At 11 A. M. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (on the third Monday of each month) in the Chapel.
 At 11 A. M. The Woman's Domestic Missionary Society (on the fourth Monday of each month) in the Chapel.
 At 8 P. M. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip in the Church parlor. First Monday in each month, Prayer Meet-

ing ; second Monday, the Brotherhood Senate ; third Monday, Business Meeting ; fourth Monday, the Brotherhood Senate.

TUESDAY—... At 10 A. M. The Women's Employment Association, every Tuesday, in the Sunday-school rooms of De Witt Chapel, 160 West 29th Street, from November to April.

At 3.30 P. M. St. Nicholas' Guild, a Girls' Mission Band, alternate Tuesdays, at No. 45 West 56th Street.

WEDNESDAY.—At 8 P. M. Mid-week meeting for Prayer and Conference.

FRIDAY—... At 3.30 P. M. King's Daughters (on the second Friday of each month) in the Church parlor.

The Communion is celebrated at the morning service of the first Sunday of each of the following months: February, April, June, October and December.

Preparatory Service on the Wednesday evening preceding each communion.

The Sunday-School.

Officers and Teachers	23
Scholars, Primary, Intermediate, Senior .	187
Average attendance	130

The Sunday-school meets in the Chapel, No. 3 West 29th street, in the rear of the Church, at 9.30 in the

morning. A ten minutes' reunion for morning prayer precedes the session of the School. A meeting for business is held by the teachers on the first Wednesday evening of the month.

The Primary Department is conducted in the lower room or parlor of the Chapel, and abundant use is made of pictures to bring home the truths of the lessons to the little scholars. In the Intermediate and Senior departments are seventeen classes, of which four may be styled Bible classes, competent for advanced study. The largest class of men and women is under the special auspices of the Bible League of America. The International Lessons are used for Bible study, and for doctrine, the compendium of the Heidelberg Catechism is the standard for the upper grades, and the first Lessons in Christian Truth for the primary grades. The missionary spirit of the children is cultivated by interesting them in both the Domestic and the Foreign field, their gifts passing through the respective Boards of the Church. The offerings for 1895 amounted to \$292.08. A band of Church Builders is also at work in the interest of the Church Building Fund, and their labor has resulted in a gift of \$18.

The usual Christmas box from the School this year was made a special gift for the School at Van Dyke's Mills, Mich., conducted by young men from Hope College.

Easter cards were supplied in considerable quantity to a remote home missionary field, and a special gift at the Christmas Festival for the Home for the Friendless Industrial School No. 9 took the form of the presentation of pound package gifts.

Two festivals are usual in this school. One is at Christmas, when the scholars give as well as receive gifts, and the other is usually social and recreative in its character, and is held later in the season.

The following are the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school :

OFFICERS.

Superintendent, FREDERIC R. HUTTON, 296 Lexington Avenue.

Assistant Superintendent, CHARLES S. PHILLIPS, 113 Fulton Street.

Secretary, D. S. JACOBUS, 325 West 25th Street.

Treasurer, W. S. DENISON, 113 West 12th Street.

Librarian, HENRY A. BANG, 1214 Broadway.

Assistant Librarian, E. D. REED, 39 West 26th Street.

Pianist, MRS. R. M. BATE.

TEACHERS.

MRS. JACOB BATE,

MISS MARY BUSSING,

MISS HELEN M. DODD,

MRS. I. B. LA VELLE,

MRS. EDW. M. LYMAN,

MISS EVELYN MANDEVILLE,

MISS MARY F. STIVERS,

MISS KATHARINE VAN NEST,

MR. JOHN S. BUSSING,

MR. WILLIAM S. DENISON,

MR. H. C. FROST,

MR. H. A. KINPORTS,

MR. JNO. B. KYLE,

MR. EDWARD M. LYMAN,

MR. CHAS. S. PHILLIPS,

MR. CHAS. T. PORTER,,

MR. A. V. W. VAN VECHTEN.

Primary Department.

MRS. JOHN S. BUSSING,

MISS ALICE CASTREFF.

The Women's Employment Association.

The meetings of this Association are held on Tuesday mornings, from ten to twelve o'clock, at the rooms in the building No. 160 West 29th Street, from the first

Tuesday in November to the first Tuesday in April. The Association was organized in 1862, and still carries on the work according to the original plans. Worthy women are supplied with sewing to do at home, for which they are fairly paid. They also have the privilege of purchasing the finished garment at about cost of material.

The Association is sustained chiefly by the ladies of the Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street Church, aided by some of the former members, who still retain an active interest, though living at a distance.

A ten dollar subscription supplies one woman with work during the season, and smaller amounts accomplish a proportionate amount of good. During the winter sixty women have been supplied with work.

Number of garments made during the season, 2,025 ; sold, 2,147 ; receipts for sale of garments, \$623.53 ; receipts from subscriptions and donations, \$824.09 ; total receipts, \$1,447.62.

OFFICERS.

First Directress, Miss C. J. PRYER, 52 West 27th Street.

Second Directress, Mrs. J. S. BUSSING, 26 East 10th Street.

Treasurer, Miss GERTRUDE DODD, 231 West 21st Street.

Secretary, Mrs. E. M. LYMAN, 165 Lexington Avenue.

COMMITTEES.

Purchasing and Pricing Committee.

Mrs. F. B. TOMPKINS, Miss K. VAN NEST,
Miss ALICE G. CASTREE.

Cutting Committee.

MRS. T. V. ALLIS,	MISS MONROE,
MRS. W. A. BALLANTINE,	MRS. G. J. NICHOL,
MRS. W. R. FERRY,	MRS. A. PATTERSON,
MRS. P. A. GRIVET,	MISS PRIME,
MISS K. HOFFMAN,	MISS K. PRIME,
MISS M. P. HOWELL,	MRS. STOUTENBURGH,
MISS E. HOLGATE,	MRS. G. J. UNTIEDT,
MISS E. A. KAESCHE,	MRS. WEBER,
MRS. H. C. MANNING,	MRS. W. H. WELLS,

Marking and Furnishing Committee.

MRS. M. H. CASHMAN,	MRS. E. LEFEVRE,
MRS. M. E. CARD,	MISS MANDEVILLE,
MRS. E. DENISON,	MISS SCOFIELD,

Permit Committee.

MRS. F. COOK,	MISS DUNSHEE.
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Examining and Paying Committee.

MRS. R. SCHELL,	MRS. F. B. TOMPKINS,
	MRS. R. C. SHANNON.

Distributing Committee.

MISS M. MOFFAT,	MRS. E. M. LYMAN,
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Selling Committee.

MISS G. DODD,	MISS A. E. TOTTEN.
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Reception Committee.

MISS M. P. HOWELL.

Reading Committee.

MRS. F. P. FURNALD.

Visiting Committee.

MISS C. J. PRYER,

MRS. F. B. TOMPKINS,

Honorary Members.

MISS HOFFMAN,

MISS MONTGOMERY,

MRS. G. G. SMITH.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

In the spring of 1896 this Society celebrates its twentieth birthday.

The meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, from October to April, inclusive.

Letters from India, China and Japan have brought the needs of the work vividly to view, and Dr. and Mrs. Otte have confirmed the same by personal testimony and by illustrated lecture.

The offerings have all been sent to the Woman's Board to sustain the general work, excepting \$62 for Dr. Otte's hospital at Amoy, and \$36 to support a village teacher in India. The Emergency Fund received \$25.

In response to the suggestion of the Hindu Petticoat Sewing Guild, thirty-one skirts were contributed as the result of summer work.

Mite-boxes yielded \$18.43; the sale of Missionary Prayer Calendars, \$15.75; subscriptions and donations, \$464.75; the extra gift, to arrest threatened retrenchment, \$384.76, making a total, including expenses, of \$1,006.69 from April, 1895, to April, 1896.

OFFICERS.

President, MISS HARRIETTE TABER.

First Vice-President, MRS. DAVID J. BURRELL.

Second Vice-President, MRS. J. S. WYCKOFF.

Treasurer, MISS CATHARINE J. PRYER.

Secretary, MISS MARY BUSSING.

The Woman's Domestic Missionary Society.

The meetings of this Society are held on the fourth Monday of each month, from October to April. During the year \$898.67 have been received. Of this \$455.50 were from subscriptions and donations, the balance having been given for special work. The Treasurer has paid to the Woman's Executive Committee \$313 for the General Fund; \$100 toward building a parsonage at Edgerton, Minn., and \$46 for stoves for the "Sunshine Parsonage" at Lansing, Ill. One of the special efforts of the year was for the new Indian work. In all \$241.37 were given for this cause. From summer mite boxes, \$28.90; Tithe Gleaners, \$85.50; two life memberships, \$50; special donations, \$30, and a donation of \$54.37 from one of the members to purchase a magic lantern, "In Memoriam," to be used by Rev. Frank H. Wright in his work among the Indians. The other special effort was to raise \$100 to pay the salary of a Student Missionary, who will be the special missionary of this Society during the coming summer. A box of clothing and useful articles valued at \$250 was sent to the family of the pastor of one of the Western churches.

Thirty-six dollars were expended in purchasing articles for this box, and a gift of twenty dollars was sent to the pastor and his wife. The membership of the Society has increased from seventy-three to one hundred and five members during the year.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. DAVID J. BURRELL.

First Vice-President, MISS M. L. PERLEE.

Second Vice-President, MRS. ALFRED E. MYERS.

Treasurer, MRS. FREDERIC R. HUTTON.

Secretary, MISS KATHARINE VAN NEST.

Woman's Huguenot Auxiliary of the Franco-American Committee of Evangelization.

This Society was organized in 1893 with a membership of about thirty. As the name implies, it is auxiliary to the Franco-American Committee of Evangelization in France and Belgium, of which the Rev. Dr. Burrell is President. The object of the Society is to collect money to aid in forming Protestant Churches in France and Belgium, to assist those already existing, and to aid in the training of evangelists for the work. The Committee publishes a bright little magazine called "The Huguenot Quarterly," which contains accounts of the progress of evangelization in the two Roman Catholic countries on which these efforts are expended.

The Rev. Robert Favre, who had then just come from

France to fill the position of Field Secretary of the Franco-American Committee in this country, addressed the Society in November, 1895.

In the same month the annual meeting of the Society was held and officers were elected as shown in the subjoined list.

The offering for the year 1895 is the largest since the formation of this Auxiliary. It amounts to \$231, made up entirely through private contributions.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. ALFRED E. MYERS.

Vice President, MRS. M. H. CASHMAN.

Secretary, MRS. WILLIAM ARNOLD.

Treasurer, MRS. EDWARD M. LYMAN.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

This Society has had a very successful year. Its membership has increased to 134, notwithstanding the fact that a considerable number of names have been dropped from the roll for absence from the consecration meetings. The members are actively engaged in many of the different departments of our church work, and there seems to be a determination on their part to do more efficient work in the Master's service than ever before. The prayer meeting is the thermometer that measures the spiritual pulse of the mem-

bership. At this meeting, which is held from 7 to 8 o'clock every Sunday evening, from 50 to 125 are present, and as the pledge calls for each one taking part unless prevented by some good and sufficient reason, it often happens that the hour is altogether too short a time for the members to give their testimony. At the consecration meeting, which is held once a month, the roll is called and each member is supposed to respond by personal testimony, or in case of absence, to send a written testimony. All members who fail to keep this part of the pledge are called on by a member of the Lookout Committee before the next consecration meeting. The work of the Lookout Committee is to keep in touch with all the members and to use their influence to secure new members.

The Prayer Meeting Committee is responsible for arrangements for all prayer meetings.

The Missionary Committee has charge of all missionary meetings. Several very interesting ones have been held this past year, and the cause of missions has received such an impetus among our young people that they have decided to support one of our own missionaries on the foreign field, and hope in the near future to support one on the home field also. Several very interesting papers on missions have been prepared and read by the members of the Society. Our very excellent Missionary Library has been used by a great number of the members. The number of books read, a record of which is kept, shows very conclusively the deep interest felt by the young people in this field of work.

The Social Committee has been very successful in

providing a series of social gatherings, at which times the members have a better opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other.

The Needlework Guild Committee, not satisfied with its good record for 1895, has increased its contribution of garments for distribution to hospitals and to the sick poor to 207 and has contributed \$3.50 in cash.

The Relief Committee has been quite active in collecting and distributing clothing to the deserving poor. The "Industrial Christian Alliance" and the "Day Star Home for Women" have received special attention from this committee. Special contributions have been placed at the disposal of this committee, which have been used to feed the hungry and to supply fuel in cases of necessity.

The Literature and Library Committee has been quite successful in inducing the members to read the excellent books in the Missionary Library. A great number of books, periodicals, magazines, etc., have been sent to the sailors, to hospitals and other institutions, where they were gladly received and used. Special effort has also been made to secure subscriptions to the "Golden Rule," "Mission Field," "Mission Gleaner," "Christian Intelligencer" and the "Endeavor."

The Temperance and Good Citizenship Committee continues the good work of securing signatures to the total abstinence pledge, the number now being ninety-nine. This committee has also worked in unison with the committee of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip in conducting a class for the study of government, under the auspices of the Patriotic League, and

has secured as instructor the services of Professor A. B. Woodford, who so successfully conducted the class for the study of city government in 1895.

The Treasurer reports the expenditures for the year ending April 1st, 1896, as follows :

For Current Expenses.....	\$104 00
For Benevolent Purposes :	
For Foreign Missions.....	\$50 00
For Home ".....	50 00
Special for Japan... ..	17 31
" " Foreign Missionary debt..	10 47
For Industrial School No. 9.....	44 37
Needle Work Guild.....	3 50
Relief Committee.....	15 50
Indian Work.....	6 05
	<hr/> 197 20
Total.....	\$301 20

The officers and committees for the half year beginning May 1st, 1896, are as follows:

OFFICERS.

President, MR. THEODORE HOPPING.

Vice-President, MR. J. C. WIRTZ.

Recording Secretary, MISS BESSE HEATH.

Treasurer, MISS BLANCHE LA VELLE.

Corresponding Secretary, MISS BERTHA M. LAY.

COMMITTEES.

Lookout.

Chairman, MR. M. J. GIERELHOUSE.

MRS. JENNIE DAYTON,

MISS MARY COOKE,

MISS PEARL ROMBOUT,

MISS HATTIE BLACKLEDGE.

MISS CHRISTINE HAWTHORNE,

MR. W. J. WILSON,

MR. JOHN A. PAULSON,

MR. ALBERT ECKERSON, JR.,

MR. LEWIS MILLER,

REV. JOHN LEWIS CLARK.

*Prayer Meeting.**Chairman*, MISS ANNA A. PICKENS.

MISS KATE A. WOOD,	MR. FRED'K C. CRASS,
MISS BERTHA M. LAY,	DR. JACOB BATE,
MRS. I. E. LA VELLE,	MR. JOHN M. KYLE.

*Missionary.**Chairman*, MRS J. BATE.

MR. JOHN M. KYLE,	MISS F. N. TYLER,
MR. C. E. PRITCHARD,	MISS H. V. R. FIELD,
MR. J. C. WIRTZ,	MISS CHRISTINE HAWTHORNE.

*Social.**Chairman*, MR. HARRY B. KYLE.

MISS ALICE A. HINMAN,	MR. S. S. MOSSER,
MISS H. V. R. FIELD,	MISS C. J. HALLER,
MR. H. A. KINPORTS.	

*Needlework Guild.**Chairman*, MISS ELIZABETH A. PARKER,

MISS M. LOUISE PERLEE,	MISS A. LA VELLE,
MISS AMY PEASLEE,	MISS LAURA E. MACKEY
MISS AGNES MCGOWAN,	MISS AGNES HAWTHORNE,
MISS M. H. COATES,	MRS. H. A. KINPORTS.

*Relief.**Chairman*, MR. S. S. MOSSER.

MR. EDWARD M. LYMAN,	MISS NAOMI ROMBOUT,
MR. C. C. PRITCHARD,	MISS BLANCHE LA VELLE.

*Temperance and Good Citizenship.**Chairman*, MR. H. A. KINPORTS.

MR. E. M. LYMAN,	MRS. ROBERT SPARKS,
MR. H. C. FROST,	MISS DOROTHY WILSON.

*Calling.**Chairman*, MR. W. F. MELVILLE.

MISS CAROLINE GRIFFIN,	MR. E. B. HOLLIS,
MISS HELENE WHITE,	MR. J. M. SMITH.

Literature and Library.

Chairman, MISS JESSIE WHITE.

MISS LUCIA HAWTHORNE,	MISS LILLIAN M. GIEBELHOUSE
MISS CHARLOTTE SEGLER,	MR. FRANKLIN SMITH,
MISS AMY PEASLEE,	MR. JAMES HANNA,
MISS BONNIE A. DUNSTER,	MR. H. C. FROST.

Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

The roll of the Marble Collegiate Chapter contains the names of forty-four active and eight honorary members.

The obligations assumed by members are "the observance of the two rules"—that of Prayer, to pray daily for young men ; and that of Service, to endeavor each week to bring at least one young man within hearing of the Gospel. That the objects of the organization are being successfully attained is attested by the great numbers of young men who are influenced through its members to attend the Church Services.

Three kinds of meetings are held upon Monday evenings: The Prayer meeting, the Business meeting (which is the only pledged meeting) and the fortnightly sessions of the Brotherhood Senate.

The Senate is organized upon the general plan of the United States Senate. Governed by its own constitution and guided by parliamentary rules of order, it is a practical school in its line. With the introduction of bills relating to the great questions of the day, and their progress through the several readings, an intelligent interest is awakened, which is productive of

much thoughtful research. The studying and the debating constitute a valuable discipline of mind which the young men highly appreciate.

The personal work of the members in greeting and interesting strangers and visitors at the regular Church services has met with much encouragement. With a Vestibule Committee in attendance upon each service and with a majority of the ushers from among its membership, it has been enabled to give numberless warm hand grasps and kind words, which, to young men, strangers in our great city, may be the beginning of beneficial acquaintance and friendship.

The Brotherhood also co-operated with a committee of the Christian Endeavor Society in organizing a class for the Study of Government, which was successfully conducted by Prof. A. B. Woodford in the Lecture Room eleven successive Thursday evenings, beginning February 6, 1896.

The Chapter has expended during the year ending April 1, 1896, for benevolent purposes \$103.24, and for Chapter expense \$17.76. The Rescue Home, at No. 208 East 14th Street, received the money raised for benevolence.

The officers and committees are :

OFFICERS.

President, MR. EDWARD M. LYMAN.

Vice-President, MR. WILLIAM F. MELVILLE.

Secretary, MR. JOHN C. WIRTZ.

Treasurer, MR. JOSEPH T. BAILLIE.

THE OFFICERS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES.

The St. Nicholas Guild.

(A Girls' Mission Band.)

The meetings of the Guild are held on alternate Tuesday afternoons from November until May.

The aim of the Guild is to work for Foreign and Domestic Missions.

During the year \$48.22 have been received.

Five dollars have been paid to the Women's Board of Foreign Missions for the salary of the Missionary at Ranipet, India, and \$6.25 for Miss Kittie Scudder's work in India.

Fourteen dollars have been sent with the Star cards to Japan for Miss Leila Winn's work at Aomori.

For Domestic Missions, fourteen flag cards were taken by the members, by which \$14 were collected for the work among the Indians. For a library for the Sunday-school of the Church at Otley, Iowa, \$6.57 were expended, which, with the addition of a number of used books, given by members and friends, made a library of about fifty books.

At the meetings the members have made an outfit for the one-year-old daughter of one of our Western pastors.

Several packages of papers, calendars and picture cards have been sent to schools in the West, and a box will be sent to Japan for Miss Winn.

Sixteen petticoats were sent to the Hindu Petticoat Sewing Guild.

The membership of the Guild is seventeen.

OFFICERS.

President, MISS MAY C. MOFFAT.

Vice-President, MISS ELSIE L. TOTTEN.

Secretary, MISS RIETTA L. ALLIS.

Treasurer, MISS DORIS L. BURRELL.

The King's Daughters.

The Uitzien Circle of King's Daughters, which now has a membership of fifty-four, holds its regular meetings the second Friday of the month, from October to May. The Society is very active, and has done much work during the past year.

The lecture given in April, 1895, brought \$107.84 into the treasury, \$40 of which was given to Dr. Schauffler for City Missions. The usual "Thanksgiving Sale," held November 27, again replenished our nearly empty treasury to the extent of \$68.69. Fifty dollars of this sum was given for half the tuition of a young lady at Northwestern Academy, Orange City, Iowa. In January, 1896, the Circle gave a Birthday Party, which was well attended. From the \$119.80 received \$50 was given toward the support of the missionary to be sent to foreign lands by the Societies of the Church, and also \$20 for education of a little child in Amoy, China. The recent entertainment, the "Famous Women" tableaux, was very successful, the receipts amounting to over \$140.

In the summer twenty-three hats, already trimmed, were sent to Industrial School No. 9, which has also received the usual \$2 per month for the cooking class.

Ten dollars was also given for Christmas dinners for ten poor families connected with that School.

Boxes have been sent to the Colored Mission on Thirtieth Street, to Vellore, India, and a box, papers and \$20 to the "Crackers." At Christmas a box, containing toys and other articles, also some fruit, was sent to the Flower and Fruit Mission. All last summer flowers were sent to the Mission by a member of the Circle, and some of the members aided in the work done there.

We have also given our mite, \$5, to send the needy ones for a breath of fresh country air.

For the year ending April, 1896 :

Receipts.....	\$439 13
Disbursements.....	324 66
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Balance on hand.....	\$114 47

The officers of the Society are :

President, MRS. JOSEPH WALKER, JR.

Vice-President, MISS LAURA WHITE.

Treasurer, MISS R. LOUISE CROSS.

Secretary, MISS CATHARINE D. DOAN.

Choral Society.

This Society was organized in November, 1894, with especial reference to the study and execution of high-class sacred music. Through the great kindness of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, and the liberality of the committee on the work of the Twenty-ninth street Church

the Class was made entirely free of expense to the members, and membership thrown open to the public.

Appreciation of the opportunity thus offered was speedily manifested in the large membership, steady attendance, and ardent interest in the rehearsals.

The rehearsals of this season were held regularly every Friday evening from October 11, 1895, until February, 1896. The subject of study was Gaul's "Holy City," which was satisfactorily mastered. There was a decided improvement in the quality of the voices over last season.

The enrolled membership during the season was 110.

OFFICERS for 1895-96.

President, HARRY B. KYLE.

First Vice-President, E. M. LYMAN.

Second Vice-President, MISS H. V. R. FIELD.

Director, J. HENRY MCKINLEY.

Assistant Director, MRS. J. HENRY MCKINLEY.

Treasurer, L. G. MCKAY.

Recording Secretary, W. H. PATRICK.

Corresponding Secretary, MISS C. HALLER.

Librarians, } E. R. VAN RIVER.
 } N. A. VAN RIVER.

Causes Represented by Collectors.

Besides the benevolent operations carried on through organized Societies, there are three union evangelistic societies, which are served by ladies in this Church, acting as collectors in their behalf.

The New York City Mission and Tract Society,

Woman's Branch, is represented by Miss Gertrude Dodd and Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr. The collections for the year ending March 31, 1896, have amounted to \$1,333.59, being an advance on those of last year.

This sum is made up of the following items :

The support of a nurse among the poor, by one lady.....	\$600 00
One-half year's support of a nurse among the poor, by a lady.	300 00
Special gift, by a lady.....	250 00
Contributions from individuals.....	183 59

The American McAil Association has received, through Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr., and Mrs. Burrell, the sum of \$52.

The New York Female Bible Society, received through its representatives in the Twenty-ninth Street Church, the sum of \$232. The Collectors are Mrs. Ann R. Cook, Miss K. Hoffman and Miss Suydam. The collections were made in all the congregations of the Collegiate Church. This congregation contributed a generous share.

Church

Fifth Avenue and 48th Street.

REV. EDWARD B. COE, D.D., 42 West 52d Street, in charge.

REV. JAMES M. FARR, JR., 101 West 85th Street,
Assistant to the Minister in charge.



Services.

- SUNDAY**—At 9.45 A. M. Sunday-school.
At 11 A. M. Public Worship, with Sermon.
At 7.20 P. M. Young People's Society of
Christian Endeavor.
At 8 P. M. Public Worship, with Sermon.
- MONDAY**— . . At 3 P. M. Adriel Mission Band.
At 3 P. M. Ladies' Auxiliary to Foreign
Missions, first Monday of the month.
At 3 P. M. Ladies' Auxiliary to Domestic
Missions, last Monday of the month.
- WEDNESDAY**—At 10.30 A. M. The Ladies' Sewing Circle.
At 8 P. M. Mid-week Meeting.
- THURSDAY**— . At 10 A. M. Ladies' Employment
Society.

The Communion is celebrated at the morning service
of, March 1st, June 7th, September 27th, December 6th.

Preparatory service on Friday evening, and Communicants' Prayer Meeting on Sunday morning preceding stated Communion services.

Special Communion services at four o'clock on the afternoons of January 5th, February 2d, April 5th, May 3d.

The work of the Church coming more directly under the care of the Society for Christian Work, the reports are appended under that head.

The Society for Christian Work.

President's Report.

The Society for Christian Work has been able to gratify its long-cherished desire for larger and more suitable quarters in which to carry on the Vermilye Chapel work. Early in the year we took possession, under a lease, of the new building of the Ladies' Helping Hand Association. This building was specially planned and erected with regard to mission work, and affords admirable accommodation to the various activities of the Chapel.

The delay of the builders in the completion of the building, the removal to and furnishing of our new rooms, the substitution of superintendents and the necessary reorganization interfered for a time with our work. At the opening of our twenty-seventh year we are settled in our new house, well equipped and thoroughly organized, with ample facilities and increased attendance in all our departments.

The contributions to the furnishing of our new rooms

and the carrying on of our work for the year past have been liberal, and amounted to the sum of \$8,295.04. This amount includes a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Skidmore in memory of their son, Burtis Skidmore, especially devoted to furnishing the Boys' Club, as well as numerous other gifts for furnishings, as stated in the Treasurer's report.

The religious services have been regularly held. A Society of Junior Christian Endeavor has been successfully organized and carried on, in addition to the Society of Christian Endeavor. A meeting for men on Sunday afternoons has been started.

During the year twenty-nine persons at Vermilye Chapel have united with our Church by profession of their faith.

Miss Alicia A. Woodburn has continued to act as our Visitor, and has attached herself to the people of the Chapel, and we appreciate her conscientious work, her attendance on services and assistance in the Christian Endeavor meetings.

The Chapel Sunday-school carried on by our sister Church at Seventy-seventh Street and West End Avenue has flourished and has increased in attendance.

The Sewing School has held regular sessions during the season, with increased attendance.

The Boys' Club, under Mr. Edward Brouwer, has been open every week-day evening. The rooms are cheerful, but the gymnasium, baths and bowling alleys are especially popular. An instructor in the gymnasium has been provided.

Mr. Frank M. Paret has voluntarily drilled the Vermilye Chapel Cadets.

The Girls' Club, under the direction of the Ladies Sewing Society, is open two evenings a week for the senior girls and one for the junior girls. Their rooms are independent of the Boys' Club, and on one evening they have the use of bowling alleys and gymnasium.

The Fresh Air Fund was carried on jointly with the Seventy-seventh Street congregation, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Kerr and Miss A. A. Woodburn. Through the kind offices of the "Tribune" Fresh Air Fund we were able to send away a larger number of children than the previous year; \$509.30 were expended. There were sent to Chapel Hill, N. J., for two weeks, 134 women and children; to White Plains, N. Y., for two weeks, sixteen girls and women, and seven for one week. There were also sent, by private gifts from other sources, to Freeville, N. Y., eleven boys and girls for two months; to Summit, N. J., three girls, and to Nyack ten children for ten days each.

The report of the Ladies' Employment Society is for the working year, from June, 1894, to June, 1895. Liberal payment is made to worthy women for the work done. These ladies have undertaken, at their own expense, the employment of a competent instructor to give lessons in cooking to a class of women in the Girls' Club kitchen.

The Church Sunday-school is now under the superintendency of our Assistant Minister, Rev. James M. Farr, Jr.

The Society of Christian Endeavor of the Forty-eighth Street Church meets regularly every Sunday evening before the Church service, and strives to in-

terest all the young people of the Church in some specific form of Christian activity.

The Executive Committee has had frequent meetings, giving careful consideration to the furnishing of our new rooms, to the carrying on of the work and to the expenditure of money. The liberal support of the congregation is appreciated by them.

For details of the work of the year 1895 attention is called to the reports of the chairmen of the various committees.

HUBERT VAN WAGENEN,
President.

Summary of the Treasurer's Report.

Receipts from all sources.....	\$9,919 54
Disbursements.....	9,295 06

Balance on hand, January 1st, 1896.....	\$624 48 .
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Officers and Committees for 1896.

President, HUBERT VAN WAGENEN.

Vice-President, CHARLES H. KNOX.

Secretary, ROBERT NOYES FAIRBANKS.

Treasurer, PETER DONALD.

Executive Committee.

Chairman, HUBERT VAN WAGENEN.

HON. HENRY W. BOOKSTAYER,	HENRY L. HARRISON,
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CHARLES H. KNOX,	EBEN E. OLCOTT,
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REV. JAMES M. FARR, JR.,	ROBERT NOYES FAIRBANKS,
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PETER DONALD,	WILLIAM H. VAN STEENBERGH.
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*Strangers' and Social Meetings.**Chairman*, HON. HENRY W. BOOKSTAYER.

CHARLES A. RUNK,	MRS. CHARLES A. RUNK,
WILLIAM H. VAN STEENBERGH,	MRS. WM. H. VAN STEENBERGH,
GEORGE S. HART,	MRS. GEORGE S. HART,
ROBERT E. DEYO,	MRS. ROBERT E. DEYO,
ALFRED L. BROWN,	MISS SUSIE SOUTHWICK,
EDWARD BROUWER,	MISS SOPHIE J. BRIGGS,
MRS. H. W. BOOKSTAYER,	MISS ANNA P. PARET,
MRS. F. H. BOSWORTH,	MISS MARGARET MCG. DONALD,
	MISS ANNIE P. LYNES.

*Church Sunday-School.**Chairman*, REV. JAMES M. FARR, JR.

PETER DONALD,	WILLIAM F. TOOKER, JR.
WILLIAM B. RUNK,	MRS. JAMES M. FARR, JR.,
CHARLES A. VERMILYE,	MISS MARY LOUISE BELLONI,
HENRY L. HARRISON,	MISS E. M. OLCOTT,
	MISS BERTHA VAN KLEECK.

*Poor and Sick.**Chairman*, WILLIAM H. VAN STEENBERGH.

DR. M. B. DUBOIS,	MRS. M. B. DUBOIS,
DR. ERNEST H. LINES,	MRS. ERNEST H. LINES,
MRS. GEORGE W. POWERS,	MRS. CHARLES STEWART SMITH,
MRS. JAMES D. TAYLOR,	MRS. CHARLES H. KNOX,
	MISS M. F. AMERMAN.

*Employment.**Chairman*, EBEN B. OLCOTT.

JAMES D. TAYLOR,	MRS. EBEN E. OLCOTT,
DR. HENRY D. CHAPIN,	MISS ANNA T. VAN SANTVOORD,
MRS. JEFFERSON CODDINGTON,	MRS. H. VAN WAGENEN,
	MRS. G. O. F. NICOLL.

*Young Peoples' Committee.**Chairman*, HENRY L. HARRISON.

FRANK M. PARET,	MRS. WM. ALDEN PRATT,
WILLIAM E. LAWTON,	MISS ANNA P. PARET,
ALFRED A. ABEEL,	MISS CAROLINE DE M. BRIGGS,
FRANK GRIFFIN,	MISS HELEN VAN KLEECK,
WM. ALDEN PRATT,	MISS ANNIE P. LYNES,
MRS. H. L. HARRISON,	MISS EMILY M. CODDINGTON.

Report of the Sunday-School Committee.

The roll of the Sunday-school this year numbers forty-five scholars in actual attendance, nine teachers and three officers, making a total enrollment of fifty-seven. Compared with the number in actual attendance at the School last year, there is a loss of nine scholars and three officers. The falling off in scholars is to be accounted for, for the most part, by the natural development of the scholars themselves, who, having passed through the primary stages of education, have advanced either to the active business of life or to places of more advanced study. At least four of those who attended the School last year have been thus graduated, and it is gratifying to note that one of these is now engaged in the work of teaching at Vermilye Chapel. Several others of the last year's attendants have moved either out of town or to distant parts of the city, so that they are unable to continue their attendance upon the School. There are four new names upon the roll, of children who have come to us from families residing in the neighborhood, but not otherwise connected with the Church. The number of

teachers this year is the same as last, although, because of the discontinuance of the orchestra, the number of officers is not so large.

The School is continuing its study this year of the Bible Study Union, or "Blakeslee" Series of Bible Lessons.

The Christmas Anniversary was held this year on the evening of December 27. A special point was made of the donations from the children to the Mission. The infant class subscribed a Christmas dinner; one class gave money for a suit of clothes; and in addition to these money offerings the Church office was quite filled by packages of toys, clothes, books and so forth, which went to make many a happy Christmas Day for the children of Vermilye Chapel.

The Missionary offerings for the year are as follows :

Total amount of collections, etc.....	\$139 75
Donations—	
American Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$50 00
American Sunday-School Union.....	50 00
	<hr/> 100 00
Balance on hand, January 1, 1896.....	\$39 75

The financial report of the Superintendent to June 1, 1895, is as follows :

Balance from 1894.....	\$109 23
Total Church collection, March, 1895.....	127 99
	<hr/> \$237 22
Advanced from general expense fund.	13 78
	<hr/> \$251 00

Expenditure to June, 1895 :

Music.....	\$122 00	
Supplies.....	64 60	
Summer festival.....	59 03	
Miscellaneous.....	5 32	
		\$251 00

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.

Superintendent. REV. JAMES M. FARR, JR.

Treasurer and Pianist, MR. WILLIAM F. TOOKER, JR.

Precentor, MR. CHARLES SHAW.

Teachers.

MISS E. M. OLCOTT,	MISS M. L. BELLONI,
MISS SOPHIE BRIGGS,	MISS BERTHA VAN KLEECK,
MRS. J. M. FARR, JR.,	MISS ANNE P. LYNES,
MR. PETER DONALD,	MR. WM. B. RUNK,
	REV. J. M. FARR, JR.

Report of the Committee on Poor and Sick.

Balance from previous year.....	\$53 11
Received from Treasurer of Society for Christian Work....	200 00
	\$253 11
Expended.....	243 00
Amount on hand.....	\$10 11

The amount thus spent, though not great, represents the lives of little children saved by having proper food, families kept together that must otherwise have separated, medicine to relieve many sufferers from pain, and, above all, that practical charity which wins the heart.

The money at the disposal of the Committee has been carefully used in the gift of things needed, and not in the gift of the money itself.

Report of the Employment Committee.

During the summer months few applications were received, but as the winter advanced applications increased in number. Of those who have obtained work it must be said that they have performed the duties of their positions to the entire satisfaction of their employers.

Report of the Ladies' Employment Society.

The Ladies' Employment Society has held twenty meetings during the past year, with an average attendance of fourteen. Work has been given to forty-five women. One thousand five hundred and sixty-one garments have been made; one thousand two hundred and twenty-seven garments have been sold.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

November 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895 :

Balance on hand.....	\$204 71
Subscriptions received.....	320 00
Sale of goods.....	275 34
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	\$800 05
Paid to women for sewing.....	\$320 00
Paid for materials.....	241 00
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	561 00
Balance.....	<hr/>
	\$239 05

OFFICERS.

First Directress, MRS. PETER DONALD.

Second Directress, MRS. W. T. STOUTENBERGH.

Third Directress, MRS. EDWARD B. COE.

Treasurer, MRS. HUBERT VAN WAGENEN

Secretary, MRS. ROBERT E. DEYO.

COMMITTEES.

Purchasing Committee.

MRS. PETER DONALD.

MRS. JAMES D TAYLOR.

MRS. W. T. STOUTENBERGH.

Cutting Committee.

MRS. W. T. STOUTENBERGH.

MRS. IRELAND,

MRS. E. FRANK COE.

MRS. WM. WALKER.

MRS. HENRY W. BOOKSTAVEN.

MRS. W. H. VAN KLEECK.

MRS. GEO. W. POWERS.

MISS O. M. LELAND.

MRS. JAMES HOPKINS.

MISS CORNELIA G. BRETT.

MRS. L. KAHL.

MISS C. L. BABCOCK.

MRS. WOOLSEY ROGERS.

MISS A. E. BABCOCK.

Furnishing Committee.

MRS. JAMES D. TAYLOR.

MRS. ROBERT E. DEYO.

MRS. JEREMIAH LAMBERT.

MRS. DAVID WALLACE.

MISS ANNA E. LAMBERT.

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Permit Committee.

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Selling Committee.

MRS. CHARLES H. WOODRUFF, MRS. WM. B. RUNK.

Reading Committee.

MRS. S. O. VANDERPOEL.

*Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary Foreign
Missionary Society.*

The Ladies' Auxiliary Foreign Missionary Society report that it has held stated meetings throughout the year and has met face to face missionaries from different fields. Five hundred and forty-eight dollars have been collected, from which our annual pledges have been paid, viz.: \$250 to the girls' school at Madanapalle, \$50 for the support of a native teacher in India, and \$30 for the support of a Japanese girl. The rest of the money has been paid unconditionally to the Woman's Board.

In addition to this money \$50 have been sent to the Evangelical Church of Italy, and the Treasurer of the newly-formed Huguenot Auxiliary reports that up to January 15, 1896, \$66 have come into her hands.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. HENRY W. BOOKSTAVEN.

Secretary, MISS EUPHEMIA M. OLCOTT.

Treasurer, MRS. ROBERT E. DEVO.

*Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary Domestic
Missionary Society.*

During the past year our Society sent \$200 to Boyden, Iowa, to complete the parsonage; \$50 were given to assist in paying salaries of classical missionaries; \$170 were sent to Harrison, South Dakota, to pay for painting the church edifice.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. CHARLES A. RUNK.

Treasurer, MRS. CHARLES H. KNOX.

Secretary, MISS LOUISE L. JANSEN.

Report of the Ladies' Sewing Society.

During the past year 125 garments have been made by the members of the Society; besides this, four dozen dolls were dressed for the Christmas Festival at Vermilye Chapel. A missionary box was sent to a minister of the Reformed Church in the western part of New York State before Christmas. It was most gratefully acknowledged. The Girls' Club at Vermilye Chapel has grown very much during the past year. The rooms in the new building have been very attractively furnished and are a constant source of delight to the girls. Through the kindness of the "Whatever Ten" a very generous gift of over one hundred books was presented to the Club, and these books have furnished amusement and instruction to the girls during many hours which might have been passed in far different surroundings.

The girls are drilled regularly in physical culture ex-

ercises, and a medical friend has kindly offered her services once a week for free consultation and friendly talks with the girls as to the laws of health.

A large class is now anxiously waiting for instruction in cooking, which will be given to them as soon as the necessary funds are raised. A complete outfit for this purpose has kindly been given by Mrs. Coddington.

This Society has full charge of the Girls' Club, and the expense of running it has been very heavy, as can be seen from the Treasurer's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance January 16, 1895.....	\$24 89
Receipts to date.....	551 12
Received from Society for Christian Work for work at Girls' Club.....	150 00
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	\$726 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary of Superintendent of Girls' Club.....	\$212 00
Miss Woodburn for use among the poor of Vermilye Chapel.....	120 00
Other expenses.....	391 92
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	\$723 92
Balance.....	<hr/>
	\$2 09

Report of the Adriel Mission Band.

The Adriel Mission Band has held weekly meetings during the past year, at which garments have been made for use at Vermilye Chapel. Sixty dollars were received from an entertainment given last winter. Thirty dollars were sent for the support of a girl in Madanapalle, India, and a Christmas box was sent out West in December.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year.....	\$37 49
Receipts	59 94
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	\$97 43
Disbursements.....	52 93
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Balance on hand.....	\$44 50

OFFICERS.

President, MISS BERTHA VAN KLEECK.

Vice-President, MISS HELEN VAN KLEECK.

Treasurer, MISS CLARA VON AUW.

*The Young People's Society of Christian
Endeavor.*

The Society has met regularly for prayer every Sunday evening before the Church service. It has held bi-monthly business and social meetings, to which all the young people of the Church have been specially invited, with a view to interesting them in Christian work. An entertainment has been given to the boys and girls of Vermilye Chapel. Old books and papers have been collected from the congregation and distributed to the poor and to various institutions. Flowers are sent weekly to the Chapel to brighten the homes of the poor.

OFFICERS.

President, REV. JAMES M. FARR, JR.

Vice-President, MISS BERTHA VAN KLEECK.

Secretary, MISS ELLEN DE KOSTER.

Treasurer, MR. FRANK MURRAY PARET.

*Chairmen of Committees.**Look-Out*, MISS MARGARET DONALD.*Prayer Meeting*, MISS MARY STONE.*Social*, MISS BERTHA VAN KLEECK.*Sunday-School*, MISS HELEN VAN KLEECK.*Flower*, MISS EDITH COE.*Tract and Paper*, MR. EDWARD BROUWER.*Visiting*, MR. J. M. FARR, JR.*Vestibule*, MR. FRANK M. PARET.*Missionary*, MISS ELIZABETH STONE.

For a report of the work at Vermilye Chapel, which, with the exception of the Sunday-school, is entirely supported by subscriptions in the Forty-eighth Street Church, see page 256.

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At 8 p. m. Relief Committee, second
Thursday of the month.

FRIDAY—. . . At 7.30 P. M. King's Sons ; Business and Social Meetings on alternate Fridays.

At 8 P. M. De Vereeniging, third Friday of the month.

SATURDAY—. At 8 P. M. Communicants' Prayer Meeting, evening before Communion.

The Communion is celebrated at the Morning Service on the last Lord's Day in January, March, May, September and November. The Joint Communion Service of the Collegiate Churches and Chapels will be held in this Church on Sunday afternoon, November 1st, 1896. Preparatory Service is held on the Wednesday evening preceding the Communion.

Services are held on Good Friday at 8 P. M. and Thanksgiving Day at 11 A. M.

The work of the Church, having been carried on through the "Church Society," is given under the reports of the committees of that organization.

The Church Society.

President's Report.

The work for the past year has been carried on faithfully. The action of the Society in volunteering to assume entire responsibility for the Sunday-school work at Vermilye Chapel has more than approved itself. The expense of the undertaking has been readily met by the contributions of the congregation, and the appeal for teachers and helpers has

resulted in a large and admirable addition to the corps of workers from the membership of this Church. Members of the congregation have given their assistance to the Sewing School and other departments of the work at Vermilye Chapel, and the Relief Committee has made a regular contribution for the care of the Chapel poor and sick. A new departure in our mission work has been the employment of a Sunday-school Visitor and the organization of a Kitchen Garden. Statements as to the character of these various enterprises will be found in the reports of the committees and in the report from Vermilye Chapel in another part of the Year Book.

The Hospitality Committee has been active in making the acquaintance of strangers in the congregation and introducing them to the minister. On the evening of November 8th a very delightful reception was given by this committee to Rev. and Mrs. Cobb, at which a large number of the congregation was present.

The Flower Committee has had charge of the decorations of the church, furnishing flowers for the pulpit each Sunday morning, and elaborate decorations at Christmas and Easter. The flowers used have been distributed after the morning service among the sick.

The Mothers' Association, recently organized, has been a helpful feature of the spiritual life of the Church. The topics which have been discussed indicate the practical nature of these meetings.

The generous response to the appeal for funds has given evidence of a general interest in the work among the members of the congregation.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year.....	\$797 26	
Receipts from subscriptions.....	2,050 17	
	<u> </u>	\$2,847 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mission Committee.....	\$1,147 23	
Relief Committee.....	150 00	
Fresh Air Fund at Vermilye Chapel.	283 10	
Hospitality Committee.....	157 38	
Flower Committee.....	60 50	
Stationery, etc	20 19	
	<u> </u>	\$1,818 40
Balance, March 1st		<u>\$1,029 03</u>

Officers and Committees for 1895-6.

OFFICERS.

President, REV. HENRY EVERTSON COBB.*Vice-President*, MR. J. V. D. CARD.*Secretary*, MR. THEODORE WENTZ, 328 West 77th Street.*Treasurer*, MR. JOHN P. HARDENBERGH, 121 West 73d Street.

COMMITTEES.

*Executive.**Chairman*, REV. HENRY EVERTSON COBB.

MR. J. V. D. CARD,	MR. THEODORE WENTZ,
MR. JOHN P. HARDENBERGH,	MR. L. C. MYGATT,
MR. HUBERT HOWSON,	MR. LOUIS G. MULLER.
MR. C. H. TUCKER, JR.,	MR. W. J. MCINDOE,
MR. C. W. CARPENTER,	MR. JOHN TATLOCK, JR.
	MR. L. C. MYGATT.

*Sunday-school.**Chairman*, MR. C. W. CARPENTER.

MR. C. H. TUCKER, JR.,	MR. THEODORE WENTZ,	M
MISS E. R. GREENWOOD,	MISS M. E. GIFFING.	

*Hospitality Committee.**Chairman*, MR. L. C. MYGATT.

MR. AND MRS. THOS. C. WOOD,	MRS. L. C. MYGATT,	M
MR. AND MRS. F. W. PICKARD,	MISS MARY GREENWOOD,	
MR. AND MRS. W. E. JACKSON,	MISS SARAH PECK,	
MR. AND MRS. THOS. E. HARBENBERGH,	MR. WILLIAM E. HARRIMAN,	
	MR. HOWARD B. JACKSON,	
MR. AND MRS. A. H. LIPSETT,	MR. AND MRS. E. S. JOHNSTON	
	MR. AND MRS. L. G. MULLER.	

*Mission.**Chairman*, MR. HUBERT HOWSON.

MR. L. C. WHITON,	MR. L. H. BEERS,	m
MR. R. F. LITTLE,	MR. W. J. McINDOE,	F
MR. W. G. VERPLANCK,	MR. EDWARD H. DODD,	st
MR. F. M. WOODWARD,	MRS. R. F. LITTLE.	ba
	MISS ANNA BOYD.	ai

*Relief.**Chairman*, MR. LOUIS G. MULLER.

MR. AND MRS. J. V. D. CARD,	MRS. L. G. MULLER,	E
MR. AND MRS. F. W. PICKARD,	MISS ELEANOR BOYD,	T
MR. AND MRS. JOHN TATLOCK, JR.,	MISS ANNA BOYD,	n
MR. AND MRS. HARVEY E. FISK,	MISS ANNA STURGES,	ti
DR. LOUIS BISHOP,	MISS ABBY STURGES,	b
	DR. CHARLES G. KERLEY.	ca

*Flower.**Chairman*, MR. C. H. TUCKER, JR.

MRS. J. R. KENT,	MRS. C. H. TUCKER, JR.	h
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*Auxiliary to the Mission Boards.**Chairman*, MRS. W. J. McINDOE.

MRS. THOS. C. WOOD,

MRS. C. H. TUCKER, JR.,

MISS K. S. HARRIMAN.

*De Vereeniging.**Chairman*, MR. JOHN TATLOCK, JR.

MR. D. D. CHAPLIN,

MR. F. W. PICKARD.

*Report of the Committee on the Church
Sunday-School.*

The Sunday-school was closed through the summer months, reopening on the first Sunday in October. From the beginning of the School year the interest has steadily grown. The School is larger in point of numbers, more thoroughly organized and better equipped, and the average attendance shows a genuine interest. Twenty-six new scholars and seven new teachers are reported since last year.

The Bible Class, under the direction of Mr. Frank H. Dodd, has followed the "Outline Study of the Old Testament," which was begun last year. The class meets in the Consistory room; special work in connection with the lesson is undertaken by individual members, and the informal discussion has given a pleasing character to the sessions. The lessons of the Bible Study Union are used. In the Main School the International Sunday-School Lessons (Peloubet's) are followed. The practice of singing from stenciled ban-

ners has proved to be successful in securing general and lively support. The Infant Class, under the care of Mr. Wentz, assisted by Miss Miller, has increased so rapidly in numbers that an Intermediate Class has been established, under the special charge of Miss Giffing, as a preparatory step to introduction into the Main School. A pleasant Christmas Festival of the School was held on the afternoon of December 26th. A large Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, was illuminated by colored lights thrown by a stereopticon. The scholars came laden with gifts, which were sent to the children in the New York Orphan Asylum. More than enough were brought to provide for the one hundred children and over of the Asylum.

The offerings of the School for the year ending March 1st, 1896, amount to \$215.41. From this amount and the balance in the treasury \$60, the annual appropriation, was given to maintain an out-station for preaching in China, \$100 (\$25 from the Infant Class) was given for Mission work in the Indian Territory, \$40 for Dr. Otte's Hospital, in Amoy, China, \$10 (\$5 from the Infant Class) to the Arabian Mission, and \$10 (from the Infant Class) to the Riverside Day Nursery.

Officers and Teachers,	23
Scholars, Bible Class,	17
“ Main School,	79
“ Primary,	42
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Total number on roll,	161
Largest attendance, Jan. 19th, 1896,	131
Average attendance (34 Sundays),	103

The following are the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school:

OFFICERS.

Superintendent, MR. C. W. CARPENTER, 423 West End Avenue.
Assistant Superintendent, MR. THEODORE WENTZ, 323 West 77th Street.
Treasurer, MR. J. V. D. CARD, 248 West 73d Street.
Secretary, MR. C. H. TUCKER, JR., 309 West 87th Street.
Librarian, MR. L. F. DODD, The "St. Andrews."

TEACHERS.

MR. FREDERICK L. COLWELL,	MISS ABBY L. STURGES,
DR. H. M. BRUSH,	MISS GREENWOOD,
MR. A. L. SHERRILL,	MISS LAMSON,
MRS. F. H. BALDWIN,	MISS HELEN M. HARRIMAN,
MRS. M. H. LAMSON,	MISS SARAH PECK,
MRS. V. ERBACHER,	MISS GIFFING,
MRS. BLANCHE COLWELL,	MISS NICOLL,
MISS E. C. DOUGLASS,	MISS GLENNEY.

Bible Class.

MR. FRANK H. DODD.

Infant Class.

MR. THEODORE WENTZ, MISS MILLER.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Received from collections for the Sunday-school..	\$211 18
" " special collections fund.....	161 52
	<hr/> \$372 70
Expended for Sunday-school supplies.....	168 12
" " Christmas celebration.....	204 58
	<hr/> \$372 70

Report of the Mission Committee.

Since the last published report, the working field of the Mission Committee has been enlarged beyond the limits of the Sunday-school at Vermilye Chapel by the establishment there of a Kitchen Garden, a report of which is to be found elsewhere. Its excellent results have been felt in many directions.

The Sunday-school has grown rapidly in numbers since occupying its new quarters on Fifty-fourth street. The roll now contains the names of 620 scholars and 40 officers and teachers. With this enlargement the seating accommodations have been found quite inadequate, new chairs or settees being greatly needed. New teachers are constantly demanded. In November last Mr. L. C. Whiton, who has served as Superintendent so efficiently for many years, resigned, and Dr. E. H. Lines was elected in his place. Under the new Superintendent especial attention has been paid to discipline and grading, as required by the increased numbers. Two Primary Classes have been formed out of the Infants' Class, and another Bible Class of girls. Mr. E. H. Dodd has recently undertaken the superintendency of the Infant and Primary Classes.

The Library of the Sunday-school has increased the number of its books and its efficiency. Magazines (St. Nicholas, McClure's, Scribner's), are circulated and much sought after by the scholars. The good that can be accomplished by a well-handled library, however small, is much greater than many people imagine.

Many reasons have co-operated towards the growth of Vermilye Chapel Sunday-school, but one good help

has been the efficient work of the visitors of the Sunday-school, Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Kerr, in a neighborhood full of promising material.

A word should be added as to the "Fresh Air Work." At an expense of a little over \$500 (borne jointly by the 77th street and 48th street congregations) about 135 women and children were sent to Chapel Hill, N. J., for two weeks, and thirty-five to other places during the summer.

Further account of the Sunday-school is given in the report from Vermilye Chapel.

Report of the Relief Committee.

The winter just past has not been so severe, neither has poverty been so general, as in preceding winters. Nevertheless we have found ample demand and opportunity for distribution of food, cast-off clothing, and, in extreme cases, money, among the poor and unfortunate. We have assisted heads of families to secure employment, some most interesting cases having come to the notice of the Committee. Through our Auxiliary, the Young Ladies' Collegiate Guild of the Church, we have supplied necessities, warm underclothing, etc., to the destitute in this vicinity. Medical aid has always been promptly and efficiently rendered through the kindness of one of the members of the Committee. Vermilye Chapel has received monthly contributions to its very worthy charities. A monthly appropriation has been made also to the District Board of the Charity Organization Society. Efforts are being made by our

Committee for the formation of a "West Side Relief Association" in connection with the Charity Organization Society, for rendering immediate assistance to those in need, avoiding primarily unnecessary expense and duplication of work.

The Committee has held its monthly meetings at the house of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. D. Card.

The report of the Committee's finances is as follows :

Balance, January, 1895.....	\$52 72
Received from Treasurer of Church Society to March 21, 1896.....	400 00
	<hr/> \$452 72
Amount expended to date.....	448 91
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Amount in hand.....	\$3 81

The West End Collegiate Guild.

The West End Collegiate Guild has for its objects the promotion of good works and charity and the cultivation of social intercourse among the younger women of the Church, and meets every Monday morning at half-past ten. Three times a year, in November, February and April, "Afternoon Teas" are given. The Guild has thirty-two active and ten associate members.

In April, 1895, a "Dutch Tea and Sale" was held, at which the members appeared in Dutch costume and the decorations were in keeping with the Holland idea.

During the year two barrels of clothing, valued at \$200, were sent to the Rev. Frederick Schaefer, at

Aplington, Iowa; eleven skirts were made for the "Hindoo Petticoat Sewing Guild;" a quantity of clothing sent to Mrs. Hubbard, the Sunday-school Visitor, for distribution at Vermilye Chapel, and to several families, in connection with the work of the Relief Committee, and to the Riverside Day Nursery. Ninety-three toys and other articles were also sent to the Children's Aid School, in West Sixty-fourth Street, and ninety-seven dolls were dressed for Vermilye Chapel's Christmas Festival. Twenty-four blanket covers are now being made for Dr. Otte's Hospital, at Amoy, China.

Five hundred and sixty-seven articles have been given during the year, of which 240 were made by Guild members; \$10 were given to the Fresh Air Work of the Riverside Day Nursery, and \$18 to the Children's Aid School, \$15 to the Rescue Mission and \$38 to Mr. Schaefer, in Iowa.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, March, 1895.....	\$26 34
Receipts to March, 1896.....	363 07
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	\$389 41
Disbursements.....	\$235 09
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Balance on hand.	\$154 32

OFFICERS.

President, MISS HELEN M. HARRIMAN.

Vice-President, MRS. W. M. K. OLCOTT.

Secretary, MISS EVELYN BALLANTINE.

Treasurer, MISS ANNIE M. BOYD.

*Report of the Committee Auxiliary to the
Mission Boards.*

The Women's Missionary Society.

Meetings are held in the Church parlor on the first Thursday of each month from October to May. There are forty-five subscribers. The Society has sent \$147.82 to Foreign Missions, through the W. B. F. M., and contributed \$54.70 toward Dr. Otte's new hospital, at Amoy, China. Twelve petticoats were made and sent to the "Hindoo Petticoat Sewing Guild." The Society has also sent \$165.56 to the W. E. C. of Domestic Missions. Two barrels of clothing, valued at \$142.39, were sent to the Rev. H. K. Boer, Hamilton, Mich.

There are thirty-five subscribers to "The Mission Field" and forty subscribers to "The Mission Gleaner."

The Society has had the pleasure of listening, at some of its regular meetings, to interesting talks from Miss Kittie Scudder, on India; Miss Lawrence, on Japan; the Rev. George P. Pierson, on Japan, and Mrs. Alfred E. Myers, on Mr. Frank Wright's work among the Indians. By invitation of the Society, Dr. Otte gave, one evening, an illustrated lecture on China, which was greatly enjoyed, and created a renewed interest in his work.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. W. J. MCINDOE.

Vice-President, MRS. THOS. C. WOOD.

Secretary, MRS. C. H. TUCKER, JR.

Treasurer, MISS K. S. HARRIMAN.

The Iscah Missionary Circle.

The Iscah Missionary Circle has met the second and last Tuesdays of each month at 3.30 P. M. in the Church parlor. There are eight members.

Dinners were sent to two families connected with Vermilye Chapel on Thanksgiving Day. Thirty-five dolls were dressed by the Circle for the Christmas tree at the Mission School. The members have also made eleven flannel skirts for poor children, and nineteen work-bags to be sent to China.

A book entitled "What I Told Dorcas," and a few extracts from the Arabian Mission Report, Dr. Harsha's address, "The Hopeful Outlook for the Indian," reports of Miss Winn's work in Japan, and other interesting literature has been read at the meetings.

Four dollars were given by one of the younger members of the Church as a birthday gift toward the new hospital at Amoy, China.

Five dollars have been sent to Foreign Missions and five dollars to Domestic Missions.

OFFICERS.

President, MISS JULIA W. LITTLE.

Vice-President, MISS CAROLINE GLENNEY.

Secretary, MISS EDITH A. DORRANCE.

Treasurer, MISS EMILY PICKARD.

Report of the Mothers' Association.

The Mothers' Association was organized in the autumn of 1895 for the purpose of conference and

prayer in reference to the religious education and home training of the children of the Church. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, and the time is devoted to prayer and conference respecting the religious training and salvation of the children. There are eighteen members of the Association, all of whom have found inspiration in these meetings. The following is a list of meetings which have been held thus far, and of the topics discussed by the members :

December 19th, 1895—"How to Win and Keep the Confidence of Our Children."

January 10th, 1896—"How Shall Our Children Spend Their Sundays?"

February 20th, 1896—"The Children's Reading and Companions."

March 19th, 1896—"Parental Example and Home Influence."

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. D. D. CHAPLIN.

Vice-President, MRS. M. H. LAMSON.

Secretary and Treasurer, MRS. L. C. WHITON.

Report of the Kitchen Garden Association.

The Kitchen Garden Association was organized November 10, 1895, in the parlor of the Seventy-seventh Street Church. The following officers of the Association were at that time elected :

Superintendent, MRS. M. H. LAMSON.

Secretary, MISS MAUD O'BRIEN.

Treasurer, MISS MARY GREENWOOD.

These officers, assisted by eight regular teachers and four substitutes, with Mrs. Thos. E. Hardenbergh as pianist, undertook the charge of the work. A course of normal instruction, occupying three weeks, was given by Miss Clementine Yates, of Plainfield, N. J.

Two classes, twenty-four children in each class, were formed of children attending the Sunday-school at Vermilye Chapel, and the course of instruction began the first week in December. At present (March 1st, 1896) there is a working corps of twelve, as follows :

Pianists, MRS. HARDENBERGH, MISS HAFF, MISS JOHNSON.

Teachers, MRS. W. E. JACKSON, MRS. J. C. LEGGETT, MISS BLAGDEN, MISS LAMSON, MISS DODD, MISS HELEN DODD, MISS WALKER, MISS BOYD, MISS AUCAIGNE.

Nine of these are from the Seventy-seventh Street Church.

The children have eagerly sought membership in the classes, which are necessarily limited in number. Two classes receive weekly instruction in house duties, such as setting and clearing breakfast tables, washing dishes, sweeping, dusting and cleaning a room, making beds, washing clothes, etc. The lessons are accompanied by appropriate games, as "Waiting on the Door," "Sweeping Brigade," "Clothes Line Game," etc., all being varied with songs and marches. While the primary object of the Kitchen Garden is to teach domestic duties, the principles of promptness, obedience and quietness, kindness and unselfishness, truthfulness and cheerfulness are constantly enforced, and rewards are given or withheld from each scholar weekly, according to merit. The course of instruction

has thus far been hindered somewhat by irregularity in attendance, both of teachers and scholars, owing to sickness and much inclement weather, but the results have been very satisfactory. The expenses have been larger this year than they will be in the future. The normal lessons and the Kitchen Garden equipment and furniture, as well as the aprons and caps for the children, are a permanent supply. The Riverside Association has kindly contributed a partial supply of Kitchen Garden material.

The position of Treasurer, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Greenwood, is now filled by Mrs. Hardenbergh. With this exception, the list of officers stands as given above.

De Verceniging.

Seven regular meetings have been held since the last report. The Society has proved a happy meeting ground on which strangers at the Church services might become acquainted with the men of the congregation. In order to enlist the interest of every man in the Church, and to make him feel a responsibility for the success of its meetings, the simple constitution was revised at the February meeting and a regular membership enrolled, at the nominal dues of one dollar a year. Twenty-one meetings have been held since the inception of the Society, of which those held in the past year, during the presidency of Mr. Frank H. Dodd, have been unanimously voted the most successful. The dates of the meetings which have been held

during the past year, with the names of those who have been guests of the Society, is herewith given :

April 27th, 1895. Ladies' night. Address by President William G. Frost, Berea College, Ky. Topic: "The People and Manners of the Blue Grass Country."

October 19th, 1895. Mr. John Tatlock, Jr., one of the members, read a paper on "Astronomy," which was followed by an unusually interesting discussion.

November 16th, 1895. Address by Mr. F. H. Dodd, the President of the Society, on "Engravers and Engravings," illustrated by examples of engravings and engravers' tools and processes.

December 21st, 1895. Ladies' Night. Lecture by Dr. G. Monroe Royce, of "The Churchman," on "The Republic of San Marino," with stereopticon views.

January 18th, 1896. Address by Mr. Chester Holcombe, author of "The Real Chinaman," on "China of To-day."

February 16th, 1896. Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers. The Constitution Revised.

March 27th, 1896. Address by Mr. W. W. Ellsworth, of "The Century Magazine," on "An American in Egypt."

OFFICERS FOR 1896.

President, MR. JOHN TATLOCK, JR.

Vice-President, MR. D. D. CHAPLIN.

Secretary and Treasurer, MR. F. W. PICKARD.

Executive Committee.

MR. F. H. DODD,

MR. CHARLES A. WALKER,

DR. LOUIS F. BISHOP,

MR. THOS. C. WOOD.

Report of King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters Circle, consisting of the girls who met last year under the direction of Mrs. Thos. C. Wood, and who were known as "The Ministering

Children," was reorganized after Christmas under the direction of Mrs. Robert F. Little. The Circle consists of young girls in the Church under sixteen years of age. They have made, under Mrs. Little's direction, a dozen "comfort bags" for sailors, which they will fill and send as an Easter offering. The work begun last year has also been resumed, of dressing dolls for children in China. There are forty of these dolls already finished, and it is expected that one hundred will be completed and sent to their destination before the Circle disbands for the summer.

Report of the King's Sons.

This Society is composed of boys sixteen years of age and under, who meet the Pastor regularly on Sunday afternoons for Bible study. The subject of study for the past year has been "The Preparation, Beginning and Growth of the Christian Church." A large quantity of good reading matter has been collected, and is about to be sent to "The Hospital Book and Newspaper Society" for distribution among the patients in the hospitals. In December a box of Christmas presents, most of them perfectly new and all in perfect condition, was sent to the Sunday-school of the Reformed Church at Wakonda, South Dakota, and was very gratefully acknowledged by Rev. John C. Linton, the Pastor. The Society has assumed the responsibility of one month's salary (\$40) for the Rev. Mr. Wright's assistant in his work among the Indians. The social and business meetings of the Society have

not been observed as carefully as intended, owing to the pressure of school duties. Two Social Meetings have been held very pleasantly.

The officers of the King's Sons are as follows:

President, WILLIAM PUTMAN-CRAMER.

Secretary and Treasurer, AMEROSE HARDENBERGH.

In addition to the foregoing reports mention is made of the following:

The Manager of the McAll Missionary Association reports a contribution from individuals in the Seventy-seventh Street Church of \$143, a considerable increase over the contributions of last year.

The visit of the representative of the Arabian Mission two years ago resulted in the formation of a syndicate of the Seventy-seventh Street Church to contribute annually \$100 to the Arabian Mission. That amount has been contributed in due course, and the membership of the syndicate increased by the addition of seven new members at the visit of Rev. Mr. Cantine, describing his work in Arabia. This increases the syndicate to \$135 a year.

University Heights Church.



THE Consistory in 1895 took another step in advance by securing a site for a church further up town in the future, in purchasing nearly ten lots of ground on University Avenue, University Heights, overlooking the college campus, where it could provide religious privileges for families in the vicinity as well as for the members of the University, which carries on its scientific and undergraduate work there. Since the foundation of the University, there has been a close connection between it and the Reformed Church, the first three Chancellors, Matthews, Frelinghuysen and Ferris, having been members of that Church, and it has always had a representation in the Council of the University.

Until the requisite buildings are erected, the Church services are held in the chapel of the University, which has been secured for that purpose. These services began on the first Sunday in March, 1895, and have since been continued.

The Sunday service is at 11 A. M. The Sunday-school session is held at 3 P. M. There are seven officers and teachers and thirty scholars in the Sunday-school. Superintendent, Marshall S. Brown.

North Church Chapel.

MR. C. F. CUTTER in charge.



Services.

THE NOON PRAYER MEETING.

DURING the year 1895, in addition to a still larger number of laymen, nearly one hundred and twenty different ministers and missionaries, representing eleven denominations, presided at the Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting. These were chosen from among frequent attendants of the meetings. Some of them were visitors not before in attendance. Many leaders were also secured by correspondence.

The most significant new feature of the meetings has been the effort to have one day in each week (Wednesday) adapted to Christian Endeavor methods, led by a young man from some young people's organization and so advertised as to increase the interest and participation, prompt and brief, of young men and women. For a few months very encouraging results followed. Several earnest workers have thus become much attached to the Prayer Meeting, and are proving especially helpful in the matters of music, of evangelistic work and of the correspondence.

In this last field—the correspondence—remarkable

encouragement is constantly developed. In about two hundred cases distinct and gratifying results have followed the prayers and labors of faith. That is, written or visible evidence has been noted by such memoranda as there has been time to enter in the diary. As ever, the most profitable work has been the winning of souls and the development of missionary work with the spirit of service. Infinite variety is found in these developments. But space fails, and mere figures fail, to give even a fair conception of this feature, which during the single year has involved attention to over twenty thousand objects of prayer coming from about six thousand sources.

Daily attendance has averaged forty.

As regards the chapel, the notable event of the year was its complete cleansing and redecoration, with the alteration of the main doorways and stairway in the interest of convenience and ease of access. This, with the addition of an effective sign at the Fulton street entrance, has awakened interest and led to profitable visits from strangers. The great standing acoustic difficulty of the chapel has been somewhat overcome.

Next to thanksgiving to God for the continued manifestation of His favor in the meeting and of His power throughout Christendom, is the conclusion that these matchless blessings are chiefly appropriated, if not chiefly prized, and used by those to whom they are, owing to distance and time, the least easy of access.

On Tuesday afternoons at 4 o'clock the New York Sunday-school Association holds here the meeting of the Sunday-school Superintendent's Class for the study

of the lesson and consultation about their work. All Sunday-school teachers are invited.

On the second Wednesday of each month the Society for Promoting the Gospel among Seamen holds the monthly meeting of its Board of Directors in the parlor.

The Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.

307 WEST 34TH STREET.

REV. KENNETH J. JUNOR, M.D., No. 323 West 28th Street, in charge.



THE Consistory of the Reformed Church in 34th Street, west of 8th Avenue, having offered to convey the real estate of that church to the Collegiate Church Corporation in consideration of the satisfaction of the mortgage thereon, the proposition was accepted by our Consistory, the details of the transfer perfected, and title acquired by the Collegiate Church Corporation. It was determined that the congregations worshipping in the De Witt Chapel and the 34th Street Church should be consolidated, and on Sunday, April 14th, 1895, services were held in the 34th Street Church inaugurating the union of the two congregations. Subsequently a plan was adopted for the organization of such consolidated work to be conducted, until the further order of our Consistory, in the 34th Street property, and designated as the "Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church," under the supervision of a standing committee of the Consistory of the Collegiate Church.

From the date of the consolidation to January, 1896, the work of this congregation was in the joint charge of the Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., and the Rev. Kenneth F. Junor, M.D. At the latter date the Rev. Dr.

stryker accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Asbury Park, N. J., since which time the Rev. Dr. Junor has been in charge of the work.

The constituency of this congregation represents about 650 persons, more than 400 of whom are members in full communion.

Since the consolidation, 65 persons have united with the Church, all but three by confession of faith, and \$3,000 have been raised and expended for the prosecution of the work. The work of the congregation, both internal and external, is committed to the supervision of groups or circles of five persons.

Church Services.

SUNDAY...—At 10.45 A. M. Public Worship with Sermon.

3 P. M. Bible School.

7.15 P. M. Christian Endeavor Meeting.

8 P. M. Public Worship with Sermon.

WEDNESDAY—At 8 P. M. Praise and Prayer Meeting.

The Communion is celebrated at the morning service on the third Sunday of March, June, September and December.

Preparatory service on the Wednesday evening preceding the Communion.

Bible School.

Written examinations upon the Bible are held every Sunday in this School, and its efficiency is of a high standard.

ROLL.

Officers and Teachers,	49
Scholars,	550
Average Attendance,	460

OFFICERS.

<i>Superintendent</i> , Mr. R. H. ROBINSON.	
<i>Assistant Superintendent</i> , Mr. C. E. LAWTON.	
<i>Treasurer</i> , Mr. E. A. WILKINSON.	
<i>Recording Secretary</i> , Mr. A. B. CLEVERLEY.	
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> , Mr. F. H. ZEUNER.	
<i>Librarian</i> , Mr. WILLIAM SCOTT.	
<i>Assistant Librarians</i>	{ Mr. HUGH DAVIE.
	{ Mr. J. H. CRAFT.

TEACHERS.

Main Department.

MRS. K. F. JUNOR,	MISS EVA ZEUNER,
MRS. B. MARTIN,	MISS K. BALL,
MRS. JAMES ROBB,	MISS MAGGIE VANCE,
MRS. M. J. BRADLEY,	MISS MAY VANCE,
MRS. R. S. MCNEILL,	MISS EVA MAY,
MRS. R. H. ROBINSON,	MISS LOUISE WILSON,
MRS. A. L. WILLCOCKS,	MISS E. GONNERMAN,
MISS E. A. LLOYD,	MR. R. G. BAGLEY,
MISS H. MASON,	MR. A. E. CROCKETT,
MISS M. FULTON,	MR. WILLIAM DAVIE,
MISS MILES,	MR. LOUIS DIETZ,
MISS VANDERBILT,	MR. J. A. FERGUSON,
MISS A. FERGUSON,	MR. C. E. LAWTON,
MISS M. T. VERNOL,	MR. CHAS. MARENI,
MISS M. COILE,	MR. J. MCINNES,
MISS M. E. CRAFT,	MR. R. S. MCNEILL,
MISS J. SWAN,	MR. RADIKEN,
MISS INMAN,	REV. DR. JUNOR.

Primary Department.

MISS C. J. PRYER,
MISS M. CONLEY,

MRS. JOHN CLEVERLEY,
MRS. LIZZIE STEWART,
MISS M. CLEVERLY.

The Literary Society.

This Society meets on the first and third Monday of each month. The officers are as follows :

President, MR. R. H. ROBINSON.
Vice-President, MR. WILLIAM SCOTT.
Recording Secretary, MISS CORA LEE.
Corresponding Secretary, MISS EDITHE MARENI.
Treasurer, MR. A. L. WILLCOCKS.
Collector, MISS MAY VANCE.
Librarian, MISS E. A. LLOYD.

Christian Endeavor Society.

President, MR. A. E. CROCKETT.
Vice-President, MR. J. A. FERGUSON.
Second Vice-President, MISS M. E. CRAFT.
Recording Secretary, MISS MARGARET FULTON.
Corresponding Secretary, MISS EVA ZEUNER.
Treasurer, MISS M. COILE.

Gymnasium Association.

This Association, with a large membership, has continued its organization notwithstanding the fact that it has no place for utilizing its gymnastic material.

President, MR. JOHN A. FERGUSON.
Vice-President, MR. F. H. ZEUNER.
Treasurer, MR. E. A. WILKINSON.
Secretary, MR. HUGH DAVIE.

De Witt Chapel.

160 WEST 29TH STREET.



DURING the year 1895 this congregation was consolidated with the congregation of the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church. For the usual statistics see page 242.

Knox Memorial Chapel.

514 NINTH AVENUE.

REV. WILLIAM VAUGHAN, 355 Grand Boulevard,
in charge.

Sunday-school Visitor, MISS MAY WESTERVELT, 322 West 45th St.



COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL WORK.

MR. KOEHLER,	MR. NORTHRUP,
MR. BROWN,	MR. H. SMITH,
MR. BACKENSTOS,	MR. WM. SMITH,
MR. LEINS,	MR. KELLY.

ORGANIST,

MR. P. R. RICHTER.

SEXTON,

MR. GEO. H. KOCH, 407 West 37th St.

Church Services.

SUNDAY morning at eleven o'clock.

Sunday evening at a quarter before eight o'clock.

Communion at the evening service on the last Lord's Day in January, April, July and October.

*Preparatory service on the Wednesday evening preceding the Communion.

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening at a quarter before eight o'clock.

Young People's Prayer Meeting Sunday evening at a quarter past seven o'clock.

* The Elders meet for the reception of members at eight o'clock on each Thursday evening preceding the Communion.

Annual meeting for roll call, election of officers, and hearing reports, on the second Thursday evening of January.

The Committee on Church Work meet on the first Friday evening of each month at eight o'clock.

The Sunday-School.

Officers and Teachers,	36
Scholars,	1,204
Average attendance for the year,	787

The sessions of the School are held at 10 A. M. during July, August and September, and 2.30 P. M. during the rest of the year.

As far as practical the school is graded, the scholars advancing according to their age and ability from the infant classes to the most advanced classes in the main room, and at the ages of sixteen and seventeen they are received into the Bible Class, so there are but very few who leave the School at the age which is the most critical in one's life.

The text-book is the Bible. The International Lesson Leaflets are used as helps. Special care is taken that the scholars shall learn the names, in their order, of the Books of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Beatitudes, Golden Texts, Memory Verses and the Heidelberg Catechism.

The singing, under Mr. J. G. Belder as Precentor, is excellent, and is made prominent among the exercises of the School. On account of limited accommodations it was necessary for the Main School and the Bible Class to hold their Christmas Festivals on dif-

ferent evenings. By the gifts from the Church, the care and labor of officers, committees and teachers, the singing and conduct of the School, and the appropriate and touching words from visiting speakers, these Festivals were made helpful and impressive to those in need of bright spots along the pathway of life.

The excursions and monthly entertainments have been a source of enjoyment to the scholars, and the Parents' Sociable, held in April, had the effect not only of interesting the parents in the work, but also of bringing them into closer relationship with those who teach their children.

Though the number of scholars has more than doubled in eight years, yet the number of teachers has increased only one ; still we are greatly encouraged by a most successful movement in the Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street Church to keep the classes, as they are promoted from the infant classes, supplied with teachers.

Friends have contributed \$122 toward the Fresh Air work, and by this and other means seven girls were sent into the country for two weeks, and eighty women and two hundred and seventy-five children were taken on day excursions.

Much has been done through individuals and societies to aid and encourage the unfortunates by gifts of clothes and money, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, rent, coal, etc.

As the scholars have received freely, so have they given. On Christmas the School sent to an Indian school at Chemawa, Oregon, a box containing 380 nice toys.

The contributions of the Main School have been as follows :

For the American Sunday-school Union	\$15 00
For the New York Bible Society.....	15 00
For the New York State Sunday-school Association.....	15 00
Toward the salary of Rev. N. F. Nickerson, Centerville, South Dakota.....	50 00
Toward the Arabian Mission.....	50 00
For the support of a scholar in China.....	40 00
For the support of a scholar in Hampton Institute, Vir- ginia.....	70 00

The Bible Class, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Knox, continues with ever increasing interest and prosperity. It now numbers 515, with an average attendance of 294.

By the methods so faithfully pursued large numbers of young people are kept under the influence of the Gospel who would otherwise drift away.

The absent and sick ones are carefully looked after by the teachers and members of the class, and much missionary and charitable work is done.

OFFICERS.

Superintendent, MR. CLARK BROOKS.

Assistant Superintendent, MR. J. C. CALDWELL.

Secretary and Treasurer, MISS F. A. ALLEN.

Visitor, MISS MAY WESTERVELT.

Precentor, MR. J. G. BELDER.

TEACHERS.

MISS A. BRANDT,

MISS G. BRANDT,

MISS BROWN,

MISS DODD,

MRS. DAYTON,

MISS VAN SANTVOORD,

MISS VETTER,

MRS. VAN WYCK,

MISS WILSON,

MISS WESTERVELT,

MISS DOAN,	MR. BACKENSTOS,
MISS GALLWITZ,	MR. BELDER,
MISS HAWLEY,	MR. CALDWELL,
MISS HERMANN,	MR. GEBHARD,
MISS HAMJE,	MR. GIEBELHOUSE,
MISS KEELER,	MR. HUNTINGTON,
MRS. KNOX,	MR. KNOX,
MISS LAY,	MR. LUCE,
MISS OSTEYEE,	MR. OLCOTT,
MISS RUNDELL,	MR. SEWARD.
MISS SCOFIELD,	MR. VAUGHAN,
MISS VAN BENSCHOTEN,	MR. WERTZ.

Industrial School.

The School re-opened November 9, 1895. The scholars have been unusually faithful in their attendance. There are on the roll 158 and the average attendance is 137.

The work of the School shows the great interest taken by both scholars and teachers.

The School meets Saturday mornings from November to April.

OFFICERS.

First Directress, MISS H. TABER.

Second Directress, MISS E. L. PHYFE.

Assistant Directress, MISS WESTERVELT.

Secretary, MISS M. L. MONROE.

Treasurer, MRS. C. H. KNOX.

Missionary Society.

By the monthly meetings, sermons on missions, and by personal work, this Society not only keeps alive the

interest in missions, but increases it to such an extent that the gifts through the Boards of the Church are constantly on the increase, and several new names are added to the list of subscribers every year. One hundred dollars have been contributed through the Foreign Board of Missions, and the same amount through the Domestic Board.

Connected with this Society is the Ladies' Sewing Circle. In this line the ladies have shown their diligence and charity by the preparation of a box of clothing, which they sent to the famine sufferers in our church at Grand View, South Dakota.

President, MISS WESTERVELT.

Secretary and Treasurer, MRS. LEINS.

Solicitors, MR. H. SMITH AND MISS BACKENSTOS.

King's Daughters.

This Circle works on the principle of its motto, "Serve Him with a willing heart and perfect mind, knowing that the Lord searcheth all hearts and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts."

The money which has been given by the members for general purposes has been expended for material, which has been made up into comfortable garments and given to the needy children in our Sunday-school. Over 4,000 papers and magazines have been collected and distributed among the sick in the hospitals of our city.

The work of inviting people to the services of the Church has proved fruitful in its results.

President, MRS. VAUGHAN.
Vice-President, MRS. E. SMITH.
Secretary and Treasurer, MRS. KRONE.

The Social Union.

This Society hold their meetings in the Chapel Lecture Room, Monday evenings, from October to June. The object of the Union is not only social and literary, but also to train voices for the choir service and worship in the church. The singing has been under the direction of the Organist, Mr. James Cotter.

The Union have charge of the Chapel Library.

President, MR. HAFNER.
Vice-President, MR. NORTHRUP.
Recording Secretary, MR. H. SMITH.
Corresponding Secretary, MISS DIXON.
Treasurer, MR. COTTER.
Librarians, MISS WEBER AND MISS SCHMIDT.

The Young Men's Association.

The business meeting is held on Tuesday evening of each week, and the room has been open for light gymnastics and games on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The young men greatly enjoy this privilege, and it has proven a means not only of keeping them together, but also keeping them in the church.

Outdoor sports are indulged in during the summer months.

President, MR. LEINS.
Vice-President, MR. KOEHLER.
Secretary, MR. HERRMANN.
Treasurers, MR. KELLY AND MR. McEWEN.

The Cheerful Workers.

This Circle is composed of young ladies. They have done good faithful work during the year. From January until June they were instructed in darning and plain sewing, and from November to January they have been preparing gifts for the Christmas box which the Sunday-school sent to the Indian School in Oregon.

The "anti-slang" movement has effectually removed from this Circle all objectionable words and expressions.

The Senior and Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor.

The work of the Society of Christian Endeavor is that of training for, as well as for, active service in the church. To this end two prayer meetings are held before the Church service on Sunday evening, one for the Juniors, when they are made familiar with the hymns of the church, made to quote texts of Scripture, taught self-denial for the cause of missions, and taught to pray; the other meeting is for those over fifteen years of age who either are or purpose to become active members of the church.

Several of those who are active in the mid-week meetings for prayer and in the services of the church, have started for Christ and the Church in the Endeavor meetings.

President, MISS MAIFARTH.

Secretary and Treasurer, MR. LINDSAY.

The Penny Provident Fund.

This Branch, in charge of Mr. Edward Brouwer and assistants, still continues successful. The children are taught by this system lessons of saving which could not otherwise be learned — lessons which will be beneficial to them throughout life.

Annual Report for the Year 1895.

Amount deposited from December 1st, 1892, to January 1st, 1895.....	\$662 16
Amount deposited during the year 1895.....	323 04
Total amount having been deposited.....	<hr/> \$985 20
Amount withdrawn from December 1st, 1892, to January 1, 1895.....	\$536 35
Amount withdrawn during the year 1895.....	249 66
Total amount having been withdrawn.....	<hr/> 786 01
Amount remaining to credit of depositors on January 1st, 1896.....	<hr/> \$199 19
Number of depositors from December 1st, 1892, to January 1st, 1895.....	330
Number of new depositors during 1895.....	150
Total number of depositors having opened ac- counts.....	<hr/> 480
Number of depositors having withdrawn from December 1st, 1892, to January 1st, 1895....	215
Number of depositors having withdrawn during the year 1895.....	<hr/> 135
Total number of depositors having withdrawn...	350
Number of depositors remaining on January 1st, 1896.....	<hr/> 130

EDWARD BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

MISS BRANDT AND MR. LUCE, *Assistants.*

Vermilye Chapel.

416 WEST 54TH STREET.

Superintendent.

REV. ARCHIBALD H. BRADSHAW, 416 West 54th Street.

Visitor, MISS ALICIA A. WOODBURN, 270 West 79th Street.



Services and Meetings.

- SUNDAY**—At 9.30 A. M. Sunday-school.*
 11 A. M. Gospel Service, in Swedish,
 every other Sunday.
 4 P. M. Brotherhood of Andrew and
 Philip.
 7.15 P. M. Young People's Society of
 Christian Endeavor.
 8 P. M. Gospel Service.
- MONDAY**— . . At 3 P. M. Cooking Class for Women.
 4 P. M. Junior Christian Endeavor
 Society.
 7.30 P. M. Brotherhood of Andrew
 and Philip (Social Meeting).
- TUESDAY**— . . . At 4 P. M. Kitchen Garden.
 7.30 P. M. Cadet Drill.
 7.30 P. M. Junior Club for Girls.

* Sunday-school supported by Church at West End Avenue and 77th Street;
 all other departments by Church at Fifth Avenue and 48th Street.

- WEDNESDAY—At 4 P. M. Kitchen Garden.
 7 P. M. Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip (Social).
 7.30 P. M. Choir practice.
- THURSDAY—. At 3.30 P. M. Mother's Meeting.
 7.30 P. M. Girls' Club.
 7.30 P. M. Penny Provident Fund.
- FRIDAY—. . . At 7.45 P. M. Prayer Meeting.
 8.40 P. M. Class in Doctrine.
- SATURDAY—. At 10 A. M. Sewing Class.
 7.30 P. M. Girls' Club.
- EVERY DAY—At 7.30 P. M. Boys' Club.
 11 to 12 A. M. (except Friday). Office hours, Miss Woodburn.
 9 to 10 A. M. Office hours, A. H. Bradshaw.
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Report of the Superintendent.

The Gospel Service on Sunday evening is well attended ; new faces are seen each week. These strangers are met by members of the Y. P. S. C. E. and the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, introduced to the pastor and to the congregation, and invited—if they have no church home—to come and bide with us. The Chapel is always well filled, generally having 250 present—high water-mark being about 350. At the last Communion service there were twenty-three taken into the Chapel as members of the Collegiate Church, thus making a total of 147.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has a new life, and the Holy Spirit has come down very abundantly, manifesting a

high influence in much aggressive work, in the increase of numbers, the roll growing from twenty-eight to sixty-two, and the attendance always exceeds greatly the membership, the highest being 127. The meetings are spirited, with talks and prayers and verses of Scripture.

On seeing that there were so many children within the Sunday-school and Junior Club, it was thought well that they should be brought into some kind of a service that was strictly for them, that would develop in them the faculty of prayer, reading verses of Scripture, and taking part generally in a service of their own. With this idea, a Junior Christian Endeavor Society was formed. It has grown very rapidly, the roll now numbering 174.

In order to interest the men, a meeting for men only was started at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. This has developed into a Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip; its rules of action are to pray daily and to invite at least one man each week to attend a religious service. The meetings have been very well attended, twenty-five being the highest number present. In connection with the work of the Brotherhood, the present plan is to have the reading room and the game room of the Boys' Club open for the use of the members of the Order on Monday and Wednesday evenings, in order that they may have some place to go to read, enjoy themselves in social games, and become acquainted.

A Class in Doctrine has also been formed to meet after the Friday evening service for the purpose of instructing the people in the doctrines of the Church.

The Kitchen Garden, which has just lately been organized, in charge of Mrs. John Lamson, is doing excellent work for forty-eight girls, who are divided into two classes of twenty-four each.

The Junior Club for Girls, meeting on Tuesday evenings, furnishes pleasure and social life for about thirty girls each night.

The Senior Club for Girls has developed a great deal, the average attendance having almost doubled. At present they have the use of the gymnasium one evening in the week under an instructor, and another evening in their own rooms is devoted to social life and amusements. A doctor comes once a week to talk with them and give them good medical advice, free of charge. It is safe to say that the club is at present in a more flourishing condition than ever before in its history.

The Boys' Club, as well, is in a most prosperous condition, having better order and discipline, and is developing the boys into fine, manly fellows.

The Visitors' Report.

The year opened—as it has now closed—with much of poverty and of illness among our people. So long as human lives are crowded in close tenements, with little of fresh air and sunshine, so long will there be sickness. While rents are so discouragingly high and employment unobtainable, so long will there be poverty.

The visiting has occupied a large part of my time. I find the total of house visits to be 1,648. These

visits have varied greatly in character. There have been calls on new families to ascertain their condition; there have been calls upon the sick, to whom a visit is always welcome, and calls upon those who need but a passing remembrance. I have reserved an hour at the office for callers, and have interviewed 874.

There have been received during the year 148 parcels of clothing, containing 1,818 garments. There have been distributed 299 parcels containing 1,768 garments.

These have come to us from many different sources, and have been distributed with especial care. Besides individual gifts, we have been remembered with clothing by the Young Ladies' Guild of the Seventy-seventh Street Church, the Ladies' Sewing Society, the Adriel Mission Band and Children's Ministering League of the Forty-eighth Street Church.

Gifts of money for the relief work have come in steadily.

The Relief Committee of the Seventy-seventh Street Church, the Society for Christian Work and the Ladies' Sewing Society have contributed regularly. The sums given amount to four hundred and ninety dollars (\$490), exclusive of Fresh Air Fund. Of this sum, \$120 were contributed by the Ladies' Sewing Society. This has been expended for coal and food, and in some instances for clothing. Food and coal have been given 521 times, the aggregate of persons relieved numbering 2,860.

Besides this, special gifts as Thanksgiving and Christmas amounted to about \$50, and other sums for special purposes have come in from time to time.

We have made grateful use of outside charities, having co-operated with the Charity Organization, St. John's Guild and other societies. We are indebted to the Tribune Free Coal Fund and to the Superintendent of Outdoor Poor for gifts of coal. I would make especial mention of Miss M. S. Robinson, visiting nurse of St. John's Guild, through whose kindness and faithful visiting many of our sick children have been won back to life and health. In many instances Miss Robinson has furnished clothing, and where churchless families were found she has recommended them to our Chapel services.

The Mothers' Meetings were kept open all summer, and were well attended. Mrs. L. S. Hubbard kindly co-operated in this work, and Miss Robinson on two occasions gave practical talks from a nurse's standpoint.

The Sunday-School.

The year 1895 has been a notable one for the School, and the results of removal to our new home are almost marvelous, better accommodation and greater facilities for work seldom bringing returns so quickly.

The School has been open every Sunday, with an average attendance of 282; the average for 1894 was 217; a most gratifying increase, especially as more than the usual number of children received the benefit of a week or two in the country during July and August.

The attendance for 1896 promises to show even a larger gain. The number of scholars on the roll is 640.

The attendance for January, 1896, was : 5th, 324 ; 12th, 389 ; 19th, 425 ; 26th, 448. This number cannot be satisfactorily seated and instructed under the present arrangement of the rooms.

The Infant Class is overcrowded, as there are no seats elsewhere for many children who are too old for this class.

The Bible Classes have become a source of great strength to the School, several of the members proving especially helpful in the choir and as substitute teachers.

We have had interesting and instructive talks and lectures by the Ministers of the Forty-eighth Street and Seventy-seventh Street Churches, and by the Rev. Mr. Turner, Chaplain of Hampton Institute ; E. P. Bancroft, Secretary of the American Sunday-school Union, and Mrs. Horton, of the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church of America. The scholars have become greatly interested in both foreign and domestic missionary work, and their contributions were increased by the gift of \$105 from one of the teachers, a young lady identified with the School for many years and much to our regret obliged to leave us.

The following appropriations of the money have been made :

Hampton Institute.....	\$60 00
American Sunday-School Union.....	50 00
Repairs to Reformed Church, Centreville, S. Dak..	20 00
Church Builders.....	25 00
Burnham Farm School.....	25 00
Berea College.....	25 00
Church, Moreoka, Japan.....	50 00
St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus.....	25 00
Children's Nursery, China.....	25 00

\$305 00

The Library has been increased and made more useful by the expenditure of \$100, given by the Seventy-seventh Street Church Society for books and magazines. The request for book-cases has been answered by the gift of two very desirable ones; a third is needed to make the books fully available.

The New York Bible Society presented 275 copies of St. Luke's Gospel, 50 New Testaments and 25 Bibles, which we shall use instead of the usual Lesson books and papers, and we expect much improvement in class work.

The Easter and Christmas festivals were, as usual, crowded by the scholars and their parents, and were productive of much good feeling, and served to increase the interest of all in the welfare of our Chapel.

Officers and Teachers of the Sunday-School.

Superintendent, ERNEST H. LINES, M. D.

Assistant Superintendent, HUBERT HOWSON.

Secretary, JOHN UNGERER.

Treasurer, MISS F. JOHNSON.

Librarian, CHARLES WAGNER.

Assistant Librarian, ALEX. UNGERER.

Visitors, { MRS. KERR.
 { MRS. HUBBARD.

Pianists, { MISS KERR.
 { MISS THIERBACH.

TEACHERS.

REV. MR. BRADSHAW,

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MR. DODD,	MISS BOYD,
MR. ABBE,	MISS DE KOSTER,
MRS. HUBBARD,	MISS ALLEN,
MRS. LITTLE,	MISS H. P. DODD,
MISS LITTLE,	MISS J. S. DODD,
MISS WINTHROP,	MISS WINNE,
MRS. MEARS,	MISS WOODBURN,
MISS E. W. HAFF,	MRS. HAND,
MISS M. HAFF,	MRS. LINES.

The Boys' Club.

The Boys' Club, from whose establishment a little over ten years ago has grown Vermilye Chapel, with the various departments which have just been mentioned, has had rather more than its share of changes during the past year. Until the new rooms were occupied it had as superintendent Mr. J. H. Hanna; he was succeeded by Mr. Frank M. Paret, who served until the latter part of May, when business compelled him to resign. Mr. Edward Brouwer has since that time been the superintendent. Messrs. Paret and Brouwer have had the assistance of Mr. Henry Paret, Mr. Charles H. Williamson and Mr. L. H. Wickware. The gymnasium is now used every week-day evening. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the boys are led in their exercises by the superintendent of the club, and Mr. Wm. E. Lawton very kindly gives his services

at the piano for their gymnastic drill. Tuesday evenings the Cadet Corps is drilled in military tactics by Mr. F. M. Paret; Thursday evenings the Girls' Club uses the room for calisthenics and bowling, and Saturday evenings the boys are led in athletic exercises by Prof. James Jardine, one of the best gymnastic instructors in the city. Besides enjoying these exercises, the boys are permitted, under certain restrictions, to bowl, box, play games and use the punching bag. In milder weather the baths are greatly enjoyed, but are now entirely deserted, owing to the lack of facilities for furnishing hot water.

While the strongest attractions centre in the gymnasium, the club rooms are well patronized, many games are played, and the papers and periodicals have numerous readers. The library contains nearly eight hundred books, many of them contributed last winter through the efforts of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Forty-eighth Street Church, and these have recently been catalogued and put at the service of the boys.

To increase the interest of the boys in the club the superintendent has offered at different times prizes for the best chess or checker player and the best bowler, to be determined by tournaments, and there are now on exhibition at the club three silver medals, for which competition is in progress in the gymnasium—one for the best bowler, one for the best athlete, and one for the boy who shows the greatest increase in muscular development at the end of a specified time. In the way of self-government the boys elect each month members of three committees, a library, a gymnasium

and a game committee, who assist the superintendent materially in his duties.

Last spring the Christian Endeavor Society of the Church gave to the boys and girls several entertainments, which were greatly enjoyed by all. During the summer a baseball nine was formed by the boys, and of ten games played with other organizations the Vermilye Club won nine, the tenth being a tie.

When the club took possession of its new quarters it was decided to require dues of each member—20 cents per month. This in no way acts as a bar to admission, and it gives to each a sense of responsibility that is of real value. These dues are sent to the treasurer of the Society for Christian Work.

The tenth anniversary of the Boys' Club was celebrated on the evening of December 12, when addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Cobb, Rev. Mr. Farr and Mr. Theophilus A. Brouwer. The gathering numbered about a hundred, and consisted almost entirely of the boys and their fathers or friends, who seemed thoroughly to enjoy the speeches and refreshments, as well as the games in the gymnasium which followed.

The statistics of the Boys' Club from March to the end of December are as follows :

Total membership.....	446
Present membership.....	139
Total attendance....	8,146
Average attendance.....	32
Total number using gymnasium.....	4 235
Average number using gymnasium....	35
Total amount dues paid.....	\$162.61

The Girls' Club.

The Girls' Club is under the management of the Ladies' Sewing Society of the Forty-eighth Street Church, in whose report a general description of the work may be found. The Club is divided into two sections, a Senior and a Junior, which meet upon different nights of the week. The statistics of the Club are as follows :

SENIOR.

Total membership.....	104
Present membership.....	53
Total attendance.....	1,912
Average attendance.....	23

JUNIOR.

Total membership.....	91
Present membership.....	42
Total attendance.....	1,093
Average attendance.....	25
Total dues, Senior and Junior.....	\$63 55

The Mothers' Meeting.

A Mothers' Meeting is held every Thursday afternoon under the auspices of some of the ladies of the Forty-eighth Street Church. This meeting is a source of much help and comfort to the tired mothers, and is regularly attended by about twenty women.

COMMITTEE.

MISS E. M. OLCOTT,
MRS. ROBERT E. DEVO,

MRS. GEO. E. LOCKWOOD,
MISS ALICIA A. WOODBURN.

Christian Endeavor Society.

The past year has been a most prosperous one for this Society. Mr. Robert Noyes Fairbanks, long its President, resigned in the spring, and Rev. Mr. Bradshaw was elected in his place. The roll of the Society has increased from twenty-eight to sixty, and the attendance averages over a hundred.

A Junior Endeavor Society has also been started. This has met with the greatest success. It numbered on January 1st, 174 members, and the meetings are full of interest and life.

For fuller accounts of the work of these Societies, see the Superintendent's Report.

The Sewing School.

The School has been very successful during the year 1895, and reports an increase in numbers of both teachers and scholars. There are now on the roll 192 children and twenty-three teachers, with an average attendance of 113 scholars and twelve teachers. One lady is devoting herself to a class of twelve boys, who are making good progress and are pleased to be allowed admission. Sessions have been held every Saturday morning' from the first of November to the last of April, and the teachers would be glad to welcome visitors and to show the work done by the School, specimens of which are posted up for inspection. The usual Spring Festival was given the last Saturday in April, when the Rev. Mr. Cobb gave the children an

interesting address, and prizes for sewing and for attendance were awarded. The Ministering League kindly sent a generous supply of Easter cards, which gave the children much pleasure. A number of leaflets for the teachers were received also from a lady of the Church. The School is greatly indebted to friends in the congregation, who, although not able themselves to teach, were willing to provide substitutes, and contributed \$41 for this purpose, which proved a very great benefit to the School. The sum of \$25 was received from the Society for Christian Work towards the support of the School.

OFFICERS.

First Directress, MISS BRIGGS.

Second Directress, MRS. LUCIUS H. BEERS.

Third Directress, MISS BELLONI.

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Secretary, MISS LANGDON.

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MISS LELAND,	MISS BURGESS,
MISS BABCOCK,	MISS VON AUW,
MISS BELLONI,	MISS KESOE,
MISS WINTHROP,	MISS BIBLE,
MISS NOYES,	MISS HELMS,
MISS KAHL,	MISS TUTTLE,

MISS WOODBURN.

"Fresh Air" Work.

The Fund for sending Poor Children to the Country last summer, which was raised conjointly by the Forty-eighth Street and the Seventy-seventh Street Churches, amounted to \$509.30. By means of this 150 children were sent to the country for two weeks and 7 for one week.

In addition to this, through special donations, 24 children were sent to the country for different periods.

Other Institutions



Collegiate School.

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THE Dutch Church has always fostered learning. The Synod of Dort urged the institution of Schools "not only in cities, but also in towns and country places where heretofore none have existed," and that "the Christian Magistracy should be requested that well qualified persons may be employed and enabled to devote themselves to the service; and especially that the children of the poor may be gratuitously instructed, and not be excluded from the benefit of the Schools." Thus Holland became the pioneer of free schools for those needing them. In this spirit the first emigrants to new Amsterdam founded this School in 1633, soon after the Church was organized. And it has been continued ever since in various places as the needs of the Church and the trend of population re-

quired. On the 15th of June, 1892, it was removed from 242 West 74th street to the new School building, 241 and 243 West 77th street, which was especially designed and built for the School and to provide it with all modern appliances.

It has direct light and air on all sides. The classrooms are large, with every detail of ventilation, heating and sanitary arrangement carefully planned. It is used for School purposes only, the boilers for steam heating and janitor's rooms being in another building.

The Chapel is immediately adjoining the School House, so that it can be reached without going out of doors. The whole School assembles in the Chapel for Morning Prayers, which occupy from fifteen to twenty minutes, and are regulated by a carefully prepared Service Book, embracing responsive readings from the Psalter, Scripture Lessons so arranged as to cover the History and Prophecy of the Old Testament and the fulfillment of prophecy in the New Testament, "the Creed," prayers and a few well-selected Latin Hymns. This Service Book was introduced two years since, and has met with unqualified approval from scholars and masters of other schools, some of whom contemplate introducing it in their schools.

In the basement of the School building are a lunch-room and a large drill-room and play-room, and adjoining them is a sunny, asphalted yard (40x80 feet) for outdoor exercise and drill.

A spacious gymnasium at the top of the School-house, with lockers, bath and shower bath, has been fitted by Messrs. A. G. Spalding & Bros. with the latest and most approved apparatus.

Physical work under a trained teacher is a part of the routine. A private field in good order and fitted for all kinds of outdoor exercise is provided near the School building.

The design of the Trustees is to give thorough and well ordered instruction under Christian influences. Instruction in the Bible by Rev. Henry Evertson Cobb, Minister in charge of the Church at West End avenue and Seventy-seventh street, is regularly given as a part of the course of study.

The Senior Department offers a four years' course, embracing the requirements for admission to any college or scientific school. Also a course for those not desiring collegiate preparation, with French and German in place of Latin and Greek.

The Instruction includes Latin, Greek, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Physical Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Physics, Chemistry, English Literature, French, German, Drawing, Penmanship, Composition and Declamation.

The Middle Department gives careful training in the Elementary English branches, with the addition of English and American History, Natural History, Botany, Physiology, French or German, Latin, Drawing, Penmanship, Declamation and Composition, with exercises in Dictation. Thorough drill in Arithmetic.

Throughout the School the best American and English authors are read and studied.

The Primary Department is under the charge of teachers specially educated for elementary work. Children of six years of age are received. Particular attention is given to the first principles of Penmanship and Drawing.

It is the intention of the Board to supplement the instruction given in course, by lectures by competent and well-known instructors.

Twice a week for forty-five minutes there is a MILITARY DRILL, under the direction of an officer of the National Guard, State of New York. The hours have been so arranged that no lessons are interfered with. It is the intention to make Military Drill a feature of the School, but not to dominate other exercises.

All interested in the vital question of education are invited to visit the School during working hours. It is the intention of the Trustees to make the School one of the educational centres of this city.

The School-house can be easily reached by the Elevated Road (Seventy-second Street Station), and by any of the West Side surface cars.

INSTRUCTORS.

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CHARLES H. WILLMARTH, B. S.	(Gymnastics).

JANITOR.

EDWARD IRVINE.

Burial Place for the Clergy.

In view of the probable removal of the Marble Cemetery in Second Street, the vault belonging to the Church, which for many years past has been set apart for the interment of the remains of the ministers and their families, will no longer be used. The Church affords ample facilities for this purpose in its vaults in Greenwood Cemetery.

Burial Place for the Poor.

The Church provides for the free interment of its poor in the Church vaults in Greenwood Cemetery. Orders for this purpose are given in all proper cases through the Board of Deacons.

Free Bed in Perpetuity in the Presbyterian Hospital.

The offerings of the congregations on Hospital Sunday, when not otherwise specified, were for several years applied to the purchase of a free bed in perpetuity in the above institution. This object having been accomplished in 1882, the offerings since then have been turned into the general fund of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Committee. The privileges of this free bed are granted through the Board of Deacons.

The Ministers' Library.

The Ministers' Library is kept in a room set apart for it in the Church at Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street. It contains at present upwards of thirteen hundred and fifty volumes and about five hundred pamphlets. It has been largely increased by a donation of nearly three hundred volumes and a large number of pamphlets from the library of the late Dr. Chambers. It is designed as a reference library for the use of the ministers, and as a place for the deposit and safe-keeping of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts relating to the early history of the Church and of the city. The Consistory are glad to receive and care for any material of this kind which may be entrusted to them, and there is, perhaps, no more suitable place for its preservation than the library of this historic Church.

APPENDIX.

- I. DEATH OF THE REV. DR. CHAMBERS.
- II. WILLIAM CRAIG BROWNLEE, D. D.
- III. REMOVAL OF THE REV. JOHN HUTCHINS.
- IV. THE INDUCTION INTO OFFICE OF THE REV. JOHN GERARDUS FAGG.
- V. THE FIRST MINISTER OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

I.

Death of the Rev. Dr. Chambers.

ON the 3d of February, 1896, the Senior Minister of the Collegiate Church, Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, S.T.D., LL.D., died of pneumonia at his residence, after a brief illness. He had been for more than forty-six years one of the Collegiate Ministers and was still in active service. His death was a severe shock to all who knew him, and was a serious loss to the Church, the denomination and the various forms of Christian and philanthropic work in which he had been engaged.

The Consistory took action in regard to his funeral similar to that which was taken on the death of Dr. Vermilye, and directed the pulpits of the Churches and Chapels to be appropriately draped.

The funeral services were held on Friday, February 7th, in the church at Forty-eighth Street and Fifth Avenue, the Ministers and Assistant Ministers, together with the Consistory and the Great Consistory, attending as mourners. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Roderick Terry, who presided and offered prayer; the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, who read the scriptures, and the Rev. Drs. John Hall and David D. Demarest, who delivered brief and sympathetic addresses. The general esteem in which Dr. Chambers was held was shown by the presence of a very large

congregation, including representatives of the various Boards and Institutions with which he had been associated.

The following minute was adopted by the Consistory at a meeting held on February 6th, 1896 :

MINUTE:

" For the second time within three years the Collegiate Church is called to mourn the loss of its Senior Minister. The sudden death, on Monday last, of the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, S. T. D., LL. D., is a personal bereavement to each member of this Consistory and to many members of the Church. He had just entered upon his forty-seventh year of active service in its ministry. Through this long period he was in the highest degree loyal to it, and the value of his labors in its different pulpits and in the conduct of its affairs can hardly be estimated. He was at the same time one of the most prominent and influential members of the Reformed Church, closely identified with its history during the last half century, always true to its system of doctrine, earnest in the effort to advance its interests, and worthily representing it on public occasions, both at home and abroad. Its foreign missionary work especially owes much to his wisdom, zeal and liberality. He was an honored and active member of the Boards of Trustees of Columbia and Rutgers Colleges and of the Leake and Watts Orphan House, and served with great fidelity in the direction of other forms of philanthropic and religious effort. At the time of his death he held the highly honorable position of President of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, in whose work he had from the beginning taken a deep interest. His attainments and authority as a biblical and classical scholar were widely recognized, and the clearness and vigor of his thought and style made him a powerful writer on theological subjects. His personal character was always without reproach, and the sincerity and strength of his Christian faith were evident to all who knew him.

" We feel that such a man could ill be spared, and we are grateful to the kind Providence which continued him in unimpaired vigor of body and mind even to the end, and then transferred him so swiftly

and painlessly to a higher sphere. We would express to his bereaved family a sympathy of which we believe they can need no assurance, while we rejoice with them in the finished record of his honorable and useful life, and in the memory of his inspiring example."

In accordance with the request of Consistory, a discourse commemorative of his life and labors was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Coe, on the 29th of March, in the churches at Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street and Second Avenue and Seventh Street, and has been printed by the Consistory.

II.

William Craig Brownlee, D. D.*



1826-1860.

THE REV. WILLIAM CRAIG BROWNLEE was the fourth son of the Laird of Torfoot, Scotland, and was born in 1783 at Torfoot, Lanarkshire, which had been the family homestead for many generations. Through his mother, Margaret Craig, as well as his father, he was descended from the Scotch Covenanters. He was educated in his native land and graduated with honor at the University of Glasgow, where he received his master's degree, and afterward, also, in 1824, as a mark of appreciation of his volume on Quakerism, the honorary degree of Doctor in Divinity. In 1808, soon after his licensure by the Presbytery of Sterling, he removed to the United States, and was settled as pastor of the Associate Church of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Thence he was called, in 1813, to the Associate Scotch Church of Philadelphia. In 1816 he removed to New Brunswick, N. J., and took charge of the academy connected with Queen's, now Rutgers, College. Three years later he became pastor of the Presbyterian

*The biographical sketches of the Ministers of the Collegiate Church, which have appeared in preceding issues of the Year Book, were prepared by the late Dr. Chambers. It is to be regretted that, so far as appears, he left no notice of Dr. Brownlee, whose place he was called to fill, but whose life was prolonged for ten years after Dr. Chambers' entrance upon his work. The facts stated in this sketch are chiefly derived from the memorial of Dr. Brownlee, published by the Consistory after his death.

Church at Baskingridge, N. J., where he was also in charge of a classical academy. He returned in 1825 to New Brunswick as Professor of Languages in Rutgers College, and in 1826 was called to become one of the Ministers of the Collegiate Church in place of the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, who had accepted the Presidency of Rutgers College. He prosecuted his ministry in this city for nearly seventeen years, until September 23, 1843, when he was stricken with paralysis while at Newburgh, under engagement to deliver a lecture. From this attack, by which his powers of movement and of speech were impaired, he never recovered, though he retained a good degree of mental activity to the close of his life. His death occurred sixteen and a half years later, on the 10th of February, 1860.

Dr. Brownlee was a man of striking appearance, of great bodily and mental vigor and of untiring industry. He was a good scholar, a dignified, earnest and impressive preacher, and a forcible as well as polished writer. His sermons were in general argumentative, but his style was enlivened by a brilliant imagination. His theological views were strongly Calvinistic, and he was an earnest champion of the system of divine truth which is contained in the Reformed Confessions. His sonorous voice, his strong Scotch accent, his zeal and courage, and his unusual eloquence, caused both his sermons and lectures to be listened to from year to year by eager crowds. After his death it was truly said of him that "few men in the American church occupied so prominent a position and exerted so wide an influence as he at the time when he was stricken down by disease."

It was as a controversialist that he attracted widest attention. He strongly denounced Unitarian and Universalist teachings, and was one of the earliest and most unsparing opponents of what he conceived to be the false doctrines and the dangerous tendencies of the Roman Catholic Church. Upon the last subject, especially, he spoke frequently and with great vehemence and power. His attacks upon the Church of Rome drew down upon him much abuse and even exposed him to personal violence. "Yet none of these things moved him." He had inherited the spirit as well as the blood of the Covenanters, and waged unsparing warfare against the Church of Rome until his public labors were arrested.

"In patient, persevering and exhausting labors," said his colleague, Dr. Knox, "Dr. Brownlee was unsurpassed. Possessing uncommon stamina of bodily constitution and a mind of corresponding vigor, his physical and intellectual energies were taxed to their utmost power. In addition to the services already intimated, he found time for the copious and effective use of his pen, his writings traversing the various fields of didactic and controversial theology, and extending to departments of lighter literature, not excluding works of imagination, a faculty he possessed in a remarkably brilliant degree. For many years he successively and ably edited various religious periodicals, and particularly the *Reformed Dutch Church Magazine*, which extended to four volumes. At different periods he gave the public his volume on Quakerism, Letters on the Roman Catholic Controversy, Lights and Shadows of Christian Life, Young Commu-

icant's Text-book, and many other volumes. He also was the author of several premium tracts and various other writings of smaller compass."

His colleagues and friends bear witness to his unusual amiability of temper, and his generosity, unselfishness and simplicity of character. One of them wrote: "If Dr. Brownlee was a lion in public, he was gentle as a lamb in private. Amiable in his temper, soft in his manners, gentle in his tones of voice and intercourse, conciliating in his conduct, he soon dissipated the awe which his appearance and name inspired; and he proved himself as genial and courteous in private as he was terrific and fearless when combating error in public. Hence the great esteem in which he was held by all that knew him. He died without a personal enemy; and, save the enemies of truth and righteousness, without one enemy."

His funeral was held in the church on Lafayette Place, which, although he had long been withdrawn from public notice, was filled with such an assemblage of venerable men and women as is rarely seen. Affectionate and appreciative addresses were paid to his memory by the Rev. Dr. McCartee and the Rev. Dr. Hutton. He ranked among the most popular preachers of his day, and it was felt at his death that "a great man had fallen in Israel."

Dr. Brownlee married Maria McDougall at Kilsyth, Scotland, in 1807. Their children and grandchildren were as follows:

I. JAMES JEFFERY, M. D., U. S. N., died (unmarried) 1879.

II. MARIA CRAIG. Born June 8, 1811; *m.*:

(1) Caleb F. Lindsley, 1833.

(2) Rev. George Scott, D. D., 1873.

The children by the first marriage were:

1. MARIA McDougall, *m.* James W. Bingham, 1868, and died 1882.

2. MARGARET VAN ANTWERP, *m.* William H. Vallance, 1868.

3. FLORENCE, died 1883 (unmarried).

III. MARGARET ANN, *m.* William A. Bloodgood, U. S. N., 1840.

1. KATHERINE, A., *m.* James A. Trowbridge, 1869.

2. WILLIAM C. BROWNLEE, died young (unmarried).

3. WILBUR, A., *m.* Rosalie Gunther, 1880.

IV. WILLIAM CRAIG, *m.* Mary A. Brownlee, 1840, and died 1885.

1. WILLIAM CRAIG, *m.* Rebecca Brownlee, 1884.

2. ALEXANDER, *m.* Lena Walters, 1884.

3. MARIA, *m.* Clinton Olin, 18—.

4. FRANCES, *m.* Albert Olin, 18—.

5. SAMUEL, *m.* Jane Kinkaid, 1880.

6. HARRIET NEWELL.

V. JOHN ALEXANDER, *m.* Hannah Lee Ridgeley, 1845, and died 1863.

1. WILLIAM CRAIG, *m.* Nettie Doan, 1874, and died July 3, 1894.

2. JOHN DIVOLL, *m.* Annie Lewis, 1876, and died July 12, 1895.

3. HENRY CLAY, *m.* Ida Walker, 1889.

4. TAYLOR BLOW.

5. LUCY LEE.

VI. FRANCES McALLISTER, *m.* Langdon Chris Duval, June 15, 1847.

1. MARIA GRAHAM, *m.* James G. Graham, February 13, 1868.
2. MARGARET BROWNEE, *m.* Albert L. Teele, March 5, 1878.
3. WILLIAM, died young.
- VII. JANE MASON, died June 12, 1895.
- VIII. DAVID, died, 1889 (unmarried).
- IX. KATHERINE BEEKMAN, died July 29, 1887.

Published Writings.

The following works by the Rev. Dr. Brownlee were published during the period of his active labors in the ministry:

- Fearful State of Fr. Spira, an Apostate. 1814.
 Inquiry Into the Principles of the Quakers. 1824.
 Christian Missions. An Oration delivered before the General Assembly of the Presb. Church. 1825.
 A Dissertation on the Nature, Obligations and Form of the Civil Oath. 1825. (Reprinted in Mag. R. D. C., 1, 282, 341, 376).
 The Gospel of Christ; Its Efficacy and the Conversation Becoming It. A Farewell Sermon at Baskingridge, N. J. 1825.
 On the Loftiest and Most Important Branch of all Sciences. An Oration before the Literary Societies of Rutgers College. 1827.
 Sermon on the Death of Dr. Selah S. Woodhull. (Mag. R. D. C., 1, 233, 265).
 On the Objections Commonly Urged Against the Holy Bible. Premium Tract of Am. Tract Society, No. 227.
 Sermon on Genuineness and Authenticity of the Bible and the Madness of Infidelity. National Preacher. Oct., 1835.
 The Roman Catholic Controversy. 1834.
 Letter on Theodore Dwight's Book, "Open Convents." 1836.
 An Earnest Appeal to Christians. 1836.
 Lights and Shadows of Christian Life. 1837.

- The Christian Father at Home. 1837.
 The Doctrinal Decrees and Canons of the Council of Trent. 1838.
 Christian Youth's Book, and Manual for Communicants. 1839.
 The Converted Murderer.
 History of Western Apostolic Churches.
 The Whigs of Scotland. A Romance. 2 vols.
 Popery an Enemy to Civil and Religious Liberty. Fourth edition.
 1839.
 The Deity of Christ. 1841.
 Letters on Christian Baptism addressed to Young People. 1841.
 Romanism in the Light of Prophecy and History; Its Final Down-
 fall and Triumph of the Church of Christ. 1854.
 St. Patrick; or The Ancient Religion of the Irish.
 Introduction to "Maria Monk."
 Essays on Didactic and Controversial Theology.
 On Baptism.
 Dying Testimony of Believers and Unbelievers. Tract No. 286.
 An Appeal on the Importance of the Gospel. Premium, Tract 253.

He also edited the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch
 Church through four consecutive volumes, 1826-1830,
 and was the author of the following articles:

- A Missionary Sermon. 1826. Vol. I., p. 1.
 A Sermon on the Ministry. I., 169.
 On Regeneration. II., 21.
 Arguments for the Authenticity of the text for the Heavenly Wit-
 nesses. I., 23, 46, 80, 114, 143, 237, 336. II., 138. III., 42.
 On Judas the Apostate. IV., 19, 327, 363.
 Tract—Sailing Vessels out of Port on the Sabbath. IV., 398.
 A Review of Gregory on Evidences. II., 105.
 History of the Brownlees in Scotland. III., 353.
 History of Reformed Church in the Netherlands and in the United
 States. I., 193, 289, 353. II., 24, 55, 117, 152, 247, 312, 344.
 IV., 193.

III.

Removal of the Rev. John Hutchins



ON the 4th of April, 1895, the Rev. John Hutchins, who had assumed the office of Assistant Minister of the Collegiate Church on the 26th of June, 1892, resigned this position. The Consistory in accepting his resignation, to take effect November 1st, 1895, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in terminating our official relations with Mr. Hutchins the Consistory desire to put on record and to express to him our sense of the value of the service which he has rendered to the Collegiate Church during his connection with it. We gratefully recognize his zeal, patience and unwearied fidelity in the discharge of his duties. He has won the confidence and affection of the people to whom he has ministered, and his influence over them will, we believe, continue to bear fruit in years to come. In his relations with this Consistory he has been uniformly loyal and courteous, and has impressed us with his manliness, his thoroughly Christian spirit and the singleness of his desire to serve the cause of the Master. And,

Resolved, That in leaving us Mr. Hutchins carries with him our warm personal regard and our best wishes for his continued activity and usefulness. It is our prayer that the great Head of the Church will abundantly bless him in all his future work."

IV.

The Induction Into Office of the Rev. John Gerardus Fagg



THE REV. JOHN GERARDUS FAGG, was inducted into the office of "Assistant Minister of the Collegiate Church" on Sunday afternoon, January 12th, 1896, in the Middle Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street. A very large and representative congregation was in attendance. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, the Senior Minister, presided on the occasion, and inducted the new minister into office. Dr. H. T. McEwen, of the Fourteenth Street Presbyterian Church, read one of the Scripture Lessons, and Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, one of our missionaries to India, offered an impassioned prayer at the close.

The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Edward B. Coe, from the words "We persuade men," an uncommonly lucid and discriminating presentation of the chief duty of a Gospel Minister and the best way to discharge it. The Rev. T. J. Kommers, a life-long friend of Mr. Fagg, gave him a weighty, sensible and tender charge, and Dr. Chambers addressed a few words of congratulation, direction and encouragement to the people.

Owing to circumstances which could not be pre-

vented the Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., and the Rev. Henry E. Cobb, who were to have taken part in the Induction Service, were not able to be present.

It should be noted that the singing of the three hymns which were on the service list were led in a most acceptable manner by the Vocal Union, composed of the young men and young women of the Church, whose instructor is Mr Louis C. Jacoby, the organist of the Church, and the service was opened by an anthem composed by him, which was dedicated to the incoming minister. The whole service was interesting and impressive. This was the last public office performed by Dr. Chambers for the Collegiate Church before his death.

In regard to the office of "Assistant Minister" it may be added that some years ago it seemed wise to the Consistory to carry out the provision in the charter, in order to secure a better accomplishment of the work of the Church, hence, Mr. Fagg, the new minister, to whom is committed the superintendence of this portion of the field occupied by our church, bears the title of Assistant Minister, not as sustaining a peculiar relation to any one of the existing ministers, but as an "Assistant Minister" of the Collegiate Church.

V.

The First Minister of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America*



Letter of Domine Jonas Michaëlius to Domine Adrianus Smoutius, dated at Manhattan, 11 August, 1628. Translated from the Dutch, with a preface and notes, by Hon. Henry C. Murphy.



THE first permanent agricultural colonization of New York, or, as it was then called, "New Netherland," took place in the year 1623, under the auspices of the Dutch West India Company. Most of the colonists who then came over were Walloons, who had fled from persecution in the Southern Netherland Provinces and sought refuge in Amsterdam. Other settlers were from time to time sent out from Holland, and in the Spring of the year 1626, Peter Minuit, formerly of Wesel, arrived, and was installed in his office as Director of the Province. The Island of Man-

*These notes, together with the translation of the letter of Domine Michaëlius appeared in the *Collections of the New York Historical Society*, 1880, and are, here reproduced. The translation there given has, however, been carefully revised. A facsimile of the letter itself, which is now the property of the Lenox Library, is also given.

As this letter constitutes a sort of ecclesiastical charter of the Dutch Reformed Church, its reproduction and translation will be of special interest to all who are attached to the Church by ancestral ties or by bonds of affection.

hattan was immediately purchased from the savages, and it became the provincial capital, and the port whence the furs obtained by the company's traders at Fort Orange (now Albany) were exported to Amsterdam.

But, although they were chiefly traders and planters, the founders of New York, in the very gray of the morning of their enterprise, took care to bring along with them the religion as well as the maxims and the virtues of their fatherland. With Director Minuit came officers of the Established Church of the Netherlands, not, indeed, clergymen, but two "*Krankbesoekers*," or *consolers of the sick*, whose particular ecclesiastical duty it was, in the absence of an ordained minister, to read to the people on Sundays "some texts out of the Scriptures, together with the creeds." These first officers of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, in the year 1626, were Sebastian Jansen Krol (or Crol) and Jan Huyck.

It had been previously thought that there was no regularly ordained minister of the Dutch Church in New Netherland before Domine Everardus Bogardus, who arrived at Manhattan with Director Van Twiller in 1633. A recent discovery in Holland by Mr. J. J. Bodel Nijenhuis, however, authorizes us to correct this impression and to begin our roll of Dutch missionary clergymen in 1628, with the name of Jonas Michaëlius.

Through the kindness of Mr. Henry C. Murphy, formerly American Minister Resident at the Hague, we are enabled to include in this volume a translation of a letter written at "Manhatas, in New Netherland," on the 11th of August, 1628, by Domine Jonas Mich-

aëlius, and addressed to Domine Adrianus Smoutius, at Amsterdam. Mr. Murphy prefaced his translation with the following remarks :

There has just appeared in the *Kerk-historisch Archief*, a work published periodically at Amsterdam, one of those interesting fragments which the researches of the curious into the history of the settlement of the United States are constantly bringing, for the first time, to light. It is a letter of Jonas Michaëlius, who may now be called the first Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in the United States, written at Manhatas, in New Netherland, on the 11th of August, 1628, and communicated to the work above mentioned, with such notices of the life of the writer as existing materials permit, by Mr. J. J. Bodel Nijenhuis; who deserves well of Americans, and especially of New Yorkers, for the zeal which prompted him to rescue this waif from oblivion, and for the industry which he has exhibited in collecting as far as possible the events in the life of the missionary. We are now carried back five years earlier in the history of the regular ministration of the Gospel in New York, and are enabled to add one more to the list of clergymen of the Dutch Reformed Church in America; one who, by his attainments and his holy zeal, as well as the high respect with which he was regarded by his learned brethren in Holland, is not unworthy to take his place at the head of the roll of that learned and pious body.

This letter is addressed to Dom. Adrianus Smoutius, Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church at Amsterdam. It was found among the papers of the late Jacobus Koning, Clerk of the Fourth Judicial District of Amsterdam. Further than this its history is unknown; but as Mr. Bodel Nijenhuis justly observes, it is undoubtedly to the importance of its contents that we are indebted for its preservation. Of the author, however, some few incidents interesting both as connected with his life and confirmatory of the claim now established in his behalf, have been discovered. They serve to excite our wonder that no intimation of his ministry and residence at New Amsterdam has ever before been given. From the researches of Mr. Bodel Nijenhuis we learn that Jonas Michaëlius was born in the year 1577 in North Holland, and was educated contemporaneously with Jacob Cats and Ger. Joh. Vossius, at the celebrated University of Leyden.

in which, as appears by its records, he was entered as a student of divinity on the 9th of September, 1600. He was settled as minister at Nieuwbokswoude, in North Holland, in 1612, and two years later at Hem, in the same neighborhood. In 1624 he was, on the conquest of St. Salvador from the Portuguese to the Dutch arms by Peter Heyn in that year, established as a minister there; but on the recovery of that place by the Portuguese in the following year, he left for Guinea and became the minister of the fort there, then recently taken from the Portuguese. He returned to Holland in 1627, and in January following, as his letter states, embarked with his wife and three children for New Netherland. He was then over fifty years of age. How long after writing his letter he remained in New Netherland is not known. He appears, however, in 1637 and 1638 to have been again in Amsterdam, when he was requested by the Classis of Amsterdam to return as minister to New Netherland. This he consented to do, and the Classis directed an application to be made to the West India Company to send him out. This was refused after some months' delay for reasons which do not appear. Whether his advanced age, or the additional expense which the company would incur, or what other reason caused the rejection of the application is not known; the confidence which he had of the Classis of Amsterdam shows it must have been some special reason not affecting his standing as a minister. There is what appears to us an important fact in the register of these proceedings of the Classis of Amsterdam. Michaëlius is there styled "late minister in Virginia" (*gewezen predikant in Virginia*), a circumstance not important, as Mr. Bodel Nijenhuis intimates, because it may thence be inferred that he emigrated from New Netherland to Virginia, for there is no possible reason why he should go there as a "minister" where neither the Dutch nor the French language was spoken; but as confirming the authenticity of the letter itself, which otherwise stands wholly unsupported by other testimony. It shows that Michaëlius had been in North America as a minister, and the fact that he is mentioned as of Virginia, proves nothing more, taken in connection with the letter, than that the Registrar who penned the minute had in his mind the idea, which prevailed at that time throughout Europe, and which assigned the general name of Virginia to all that portion of North America, lying between Florida on the south and New

France on the north, and embracing the Colonies of New England, New Netherland and Maryland, as well as the particular Colony of Virginia.

There is, however, in the letter itself abundant intrinsic evidence of its authenticity. The nationality of the first adventurers, Walloons as well as Dutch; the place of the former residence in Europe of the Governor Minuit; the war between the Mohawks and the Mohicans, are all treated incidentally in such a manner that, being at the same time consistent with the facts known from other sources, they leave no reasonable ground for doubt, even without the recognition of the ministry of Mr. Michaëlius in New Netherland by the note of Registrar in the *Acta Classica* of its truth.

This letter, of which a faithful translation into English is now offered, possesses a peculiar interest independently of its importance in connection with the history of the church. * * * We read with interest the picture which the writer draws of the privations of the first settlers of New Amsterdam, of their first cultivation of the land, of the productions of the country, and of the manners and language of the Indians, from all which the reader will derive the means of no unprofitable reflection.

HEN. C. MURPHY.

THE HAGUE, April 1, 1858.

It may be added that, with perhaps a single exception, this letter of Domine Michaëlius is the only document known to be extant "written during the first years of the settlement of New York by any of the adventurers." The exception to which we refer is the very curious and interesting letter of Isaack de Rasieres to Samuel Blommaert, found in the Royal Library at The Hague, and published in the second volume of our second series of collections, pages 339-354. De Rasieres arrived at Manhattan in July, 1626, and became the Provincial Secretary under Director Minuit. The next year he was sent on an embassy to New Plymouth, of which place and its inhabitants he

has given us a graphic description. He appears to have returned to Holland about the time that Domine Michaëlius came out to New Netherland.

It is not known how long Michaëlius continued his ministry in the Church at Manhattan; he seems, however, to have retired from that charge before the arrival of Domine Bogardus in 1633. The latter, being desirous to return to Holland in 1638, in order to defend himself before the Classis of Amsterdam, against certain charges made by the superseded Schout-Fiscal Van Dincklagen, applied to the Director and Council of New Netherland for the necessary permission. This was refused, and the Consistory of the Church at Manhattan, supported by Director Kieft, earnestly upheld the side of Bogardus in letters to the Classis. While these proceedings were taking place, it appears that Michaëlius, who was then in Holland again, was requested by the Classis of Amsterdam to return to his former charge at Manhattan, and that he consented to do so. The West India Company, however, upon being applied to, declined to send him out; and Bogardus remained the Minister of the Church at Manhattan until he was succeeded by Domine Backerus in 1647.

The letter of Domine Michaëlius, which we have now the pleasure of presenting, besides its rare interest in connection with our civil history, may be considered as the beginning of the Records of the Mother Church of New York. Although, as we have seen, religious services had been conducted since 1626, by lay officers of the Church of the Fatherland, the sacraments were not dispensed to the colonists until the arrival of their

first ordained minister in 1628, when "full fifty communicants" partook of "the first administration of the Lord's Supper." No doubt Michaëlius must at that time have commenced a regular church record, which was continued by Bogardus and his successors. Unfortunately, however, it is not known to be now in existence. The earliest records now possessed by the Reformed Dutch Church of New York begin in the year 1639, and these seem to have been collected and arranged from original materials by Domine Selyns, about the year 1686.

[TRANSLATION.]

DE VREDE CHRISTI.—The Peace of Christ to You.

REVEREND SIR, WELL BELOVED BROTHER IN CHRIST, KIND FRIEND!

The favorable opportunity which now presents itself of writing to your Reverence I cannot let pass, without embracing it, according to my promise. And I first unburden myself in this communication of a sorrowful circumstance. It pleased the Lord, seven weeks after we arrived in this country, to take from me my good partner, who was to me, for more than sixteen years, a virtuous, faithful, and altogether amiable yoke-fellow; and I now find myself with three children very much discommoded, without her society and assistance. But what have I to say? The Lord Himself has done this, against whom no one can oppose himself. And why should I wish to, knowing that all things must work together for good to them that love God. I hope therefore to bear my cross patiently, and by the grace and help of the Lord, not to let the courage fail me which in my duties here I so especially need.

The voyage was long, namely, from the 24th of January till the 7th of April, when we first set foot upon land. Of storm and tempest which fell hard upon the good wife and children, though they bore it better as regards sea-sickness and fear than I had expected, we had no lack, particularly in the vicinity of the Bermudas and the

rough coasts of this country. Our fare in the ship was very poor and scanty, so that my blessed wife and children, not eating with us in the cabin, on account of the little room in it, had a worse lot than the sailors themselves; and that by reason of a wicked cook who annoyed them in every way; but especially by reason of the captain himself, who, although I frequently complained of it in the most courteous manner, did not concern himself in the least about correcting the rascal; nor did he, even when they were all sick, give them anything which could do them any good, although there was enough in the ship: as he himself knew very well where to find it in order, out of meal times, to fill his own stomach. All the relief which he gave us, consisted merely in liberal promises, with a drunken head, upon which nothing followed when he was sober but a sour face, and he raved at the officers and kept himself constantly to the wine, both at sea and especially here while lying in the (Hudson) River; so that he navigated the ship daily with a wet sail and an empty head, seldom coming ashore to the Council and never to Divine service. We bore all with silence on board the ship; but it grieves me, when I think of it, on account of my wife; the more, because she was in such a physical state as she was—believing herself to be in a delicate condition—and the time so short which she had yet to live. On my first voyage* I roamed about with him a great deal, even lodged in the same hut, but never knew that he was such a brute and drunkard. But he was then under the direction of Mr. Lam, and now he had the chief command himself. I have also written to Mr. Godyn about it, considering it necessary that it should be known.

Our coming here was agreeable to all, and I hope, by the grace of the Lord, that my services will not be unfruitful. The people, for the most part, are rather rough, and unrestrained, but I find in most all of them both love and respect towards me; two things with which hitherto the Lord has everywhere graciously blessed my labors, and which in our calling, as your Reverence well knows and finds, are especially desirable, in order to make [our ministry] fruitful.

From the beginning we established the form of a church (*gemeente*); and as Brother Bastiaan Crol† very seldom comes down from Fort

*To Brazil.

†He had formerly (in 1626) been one of the "Krank-besoeckers," or *visitors of the sick*, at Manhattan, whence he was sent to Fort Orange as Vice-Director.

Orange, because the directorship of that fort and the trade there is committed to him, it has been thought best to choose two elders for my assistance and for the proper consideration of all such ecclesiastical matters as might occur, intending the coming year, if the Lord permit, to let one of them retire, and to choose another in his place from a double number first lawfully proposed to the congregation. One of those whom we have now chosen is the Honorable Director himself, and the other is the storekeeper of the company, Jan Huyghen, his brother-in-law, persons of very good character, as far as I have been able to learn, having both been formerly in office in the Church, the one as deacon, and the other as elder in the Dutch and French churches, respectively, at Wesel.*

At the first administration of the Lord's Supper which was observed, not without great joy and comfort to many, we had fully fifty communicants—Walloons and Dutch; of whom, a portion made their first confession of faith before us, and others exhibited their church certificates. Others had forgotten to bring their certificates with them, not thinking that a church would be formed and established here; and some, who brought them, had lost them unfortunately in a general conflagration, but they were admitted upon the satisfactory testimony of others to whom they were known, and also upon their daily good deportment, since we cannot observe strictly all the usual formalities in making a beginning under such circumstances.

We administer the Holy Sacrament of the Lord once in four months, provisionally, until a larger number of people shall otherwise require. The Walloons and French have no service on Sundays, otherwise than in the Dutch language, for those who understand no Dutch are very few. A portion of the Walloons are going back to the Fatherland, either because their years here are expired, or else because some are not very serviceable to the company. Some of them live far away and could not well come in time of heavy rain and storm, so that it is not advisable to appoint any special service in French for so small a number, and that upon an uncertainty. Nevertheless, the Lord's Supper was administered to them in the French language, and according to the French mode, with a dis-

*Peter Minuit was the Director; Jan Huyghen, his brother-in-law, was probably the "Jan Huyck," who was the colleague of Crol, as Krank-besoecker, at Manhattan, in 1620.

course preceding, which I had before me in writing, as I could not trust myself extemporaneously. If in this and in other matters your Reverence and the Honorable Brethren of the Consistory,* who have special superintendence over us here deem it necessary to administer to us any correction, instruction or good advice it will be agreeable to us and we will thank your Reverence therefor; since we must have no other object than the glory of God in the building up of His kingdom and the salvation of many souls. I keep myself as far as practicable within the pale of my calling, wherein I find myself sufficiently occupied. And, although our small Consistory embraces at the most—when Brother Crol is down here—not more than four persons, all of whom, myself alone excepted, have also public business to attend to, I still hope to separate carefully the ecclesiastical from the civil matters which occur, so that each one will be occupied with his own subject. And, though many things are *mixti generis*, and political and ecclesiastical persons can greatly assist each other, nevertheless the matters and offices belonging together must not be mixed but kept separate, in order to prevent all confusion and disorder. As the council of this place consists of good people who are, however, for the most part simple and have little experience in public affairs, I should have little objection to serve them in any serious or dubious affair with good advice, provided I considered myself capable and my advice should be asked; in which case I suppose that I would not do amiss or be suspected by any one of being a *πολυπράγμων* or *ἀλλοτριότις*.

In my opinion it is very expedient that the Honorable Directors of this place should furnish plain and precise instructions to their Governors that they may distinctly know how to conduct themselves in all possible public difficulties and events; and also that I should have all such *Acta Synodalia*, as are adopted in the Synods of Holland, both the special ones relating to this region, and those which are provincial and national, in relation to ecclesiastical points of difficulty, or at least such of them as in the judgment of the Honorable Brethren at Amsterdam would be most likely to be of service to us here. In the meantime, I hope matters will go well here, if only on both sides we do our best in all sincerity and honest zeal;

*Named at the end of the letter.

whereto I have from the first entirely devoted myself, and wherein I have also hitherto, by the grace of God, had no just cause to complain of any one. And if any dubious matters of importance happen to me, and especially if they will admit of any delay, I shall be guided by the good and prudent advice of the Honorable Brethren, to whom I have already wholly commended myself.

As to the natives of this country, I find them entirely savage and wild, strangers to all decency, yea, uncivil and stupid as garden poles, proficient in all wickedness and godlessness; devilish men, who serve nobody but the devil, that is, the spirit, which, in their language, they call *Menetto*; under which title they comprehend everything that is subtle and crafty and beyond human skill and power. They have so much witchcraft, divination, sorcery, and wicked tricks, that they cannot be held in by any bands or locks. They are as thievish and treacherous as they are tall; and in cruelty they are altogether inhuman, more than barbarous, far exceeding the Africans. I have written concerning these things to several persons elsewhere, not doubting that Brother Crol will have written sufficient to your Reverence, or to the Honorable Directors; as also of the base treachery, and the murders which the Mohicans, at the upper part of this river, had planned against Fort Orange, but by the gracious interposition of the Lord, for our good—who, when it pleases Him, knows how to pour, unexpectedly, natural impulses into these unnatural men, in order to prevent them—they did not succeed. How these people can best be led to the true knowledge of God and of the Mediator Christ, is hard to say. I cannot myself wonder enough who it is that has imposed so much upon your Reverence and many others in the Fatherland, concerning the docility of these people and their good nature, the proper *principia religionis* and *vestigia legis naturæ* which should be among them; in whom I have as yet been able to discover hardly a single good point, except that they do not speak so jeeringly and so scoffingly of the godlike and glorious majesty of their Creator as the Africans dare to do. But it is because they have no certain knowledge of Him, or scarcely any. If we speak to them of God, it appears to them like a dream; and we are compelled to speak of Him, not under the name of *Menetto*, whom they know and serve—for that would be blasphemy—but of one great, yea, most high, *Sackiema*; by which name

they—living without a king—call him who has the command over several hundred among them, and who by our people are called Sackemakers ; and as the people listen, some will begin to mutter and shake their heads as if it were a silly fable, and others, in order to express regard and friendship for such a proposition, will say *orith*, that is, *good*. Now, by what means are we to make a salutary breach for the salvation of this people ? I take the liberty on this point of enlarging somewhat to your Reverence.

Their language, which is the first thing to be employed with them, methinks is entirely peculiar. Many of our common people call it an easy language, which is soon learned, but I am of a contrary opinion. For those who can understand their words to some extent and repeat them, fail greatly in the pronunciation, and speak a broken language, like the language of Ashdod. For these people have difficult aspirates and many guttural letters, which are formed more in the throat than by the mouth, teeth and lips, to which our people are not accustomed, and making a bold stroke at which they imagine that they have accomplished something wonderful. It is true one can learn as much as is sufficient for the purposes of trading, but this occurs almost as much by signs with the thumb and fingers as by speaking, but this can not be done in religious matters. It also seems to us that they rather design to conceal their language from us than to properly communicate it, except in things which happen in daily trade ; saying that it is sufficient for us to understand them in that ; and then they speak only half sentences, shortened words, and frequently call out a dozen things and even more, and all things which have only a rude resemblance to each other, they frequently call by the same name. In truth it is a made-up, childish language ; so that even those who can best of all speak with the savages, and get along well in trade, are nevertheless wholly in the dark and bewildered when they hear the savages talking among themselves.

It would be well then to leave the parents as they are, and begin with the children who are still young. So be it. But they ought in youth to be separated from their parents ; yea, from their whole nation. For, without this, they would forthwith be as much accustomed as their parents to heathenish tricks and deviltries, which are kneaded naturally in their hearts by themselves through a just

judgment of God ; so that having once, by habit, obtained deep root, they would with great difficulty be emancipated therefrom. But this separation is hard to effect, for the parents have a strong affection for their children, and are very loth to part with them : and, when they are separated from them, as we have already had proof, the parents are never contented, but take them away stealthily, or induce them to run away. Nevertheless, although it would be attended with some expense, we ought, by means of presents and promises, to obtain the children with the gratitude and consent of the parents ; in order to place them under the instruction of some experienced and godly schoolmaster, where they may be instructed not only to speak, read, and write in our language, but also especially in the fundamentals of our Christian religion, and where, besides, they will see nothing but the good example of virtuous living : but they must sometimes speak their native tongue among themselves, in order not to forget it. as being evidently a principal means of spreading the knowledge of religion through the whole nation. In the meantime we should not forget to beseech the Lord, with ardent and continual prayers, for His blessing, who can make things which are unseen suddenly and opportunely to appear : who gives life to the dead ; calls that which is not as though it were ; and being rich in mercy has pity on whom He will ; as He has compassionated us to be His people, when before we were not compassionated and were not His people ; and has washed us clean, sanctified us and justified us, when we were covered with all manner of corruption, calling us to the blessed knowledge of His Son, and from the power of darkness to His marvellous light. And this I regard so much the more necessary as the wrath and curse of God, resting upon this miserable people is found to be the heavier. Perchance God may to that end have mercy upon them, that the fulness of the heathen may be gradually brought in, and the salvation of our God may be here also seen among these wild and savage men. I hope to keep a watchful eye over these people, and to learn as much of their language as will be practicable, and to seek better opportunities for their instruction than hitherto it has been possible to find. ◊

As to what concerns myself and my household : I find myself by the loss of my good and helpful partner very much hindered and

distressed—for my two little daughters are yet small ; maid servants are not here to be had, at least none whom they advise me to take ; and the Angola slaves are thievish, lazy, and useless trash. The young man whom I took with me, I discharged after Whitsuntide, for the reason that I could not employ him out-of-doors at any working of the land, and in-doors he was a burden to me instead of an assistance. He is now elsewhere at service among the farmers.

The promise which the Honorable Directors of the Company had made me of some acres or surveyed lands for me to make myself a home, instead of a free table which otherwise belonged to me, is void and useless. For their Honors well knew that there are no horses, cows, or laborers to be obtained here for money. Every one is short in these particulars and wants more. I should not mind the expense if the opportunity only offered, for the sake of our own comfort, although there were no profit in it (the Honorable Directors never, theless remaining indebted to me for as much as the value of a free table), for refreshment of butter, milk, etc., cannot be here obtained; though some is indeed sold at a very high price, for those who bring it in or bespeak it are jealous of each other. So I shall be compelled to pass through the winter without butter and other necessities, which the ships do not bring with them to be sold here. The rations, which are given out and charged for high enough, are all hard stale food, as they are used to on board ship, and frequently not very good, and even so one cannot obtain as much as he desires. I began to get considerable strength by the grace of the Lord, but in consequence of this hard fare of beans and gray peas, which are hard enough, barley, stock-fish, etc., without much change, I cannot fully recuperate as I otherwise would. The summer yields something, but what of that for any one who has no strength? The savages also bring some things, but one who has no wares, such as knives, beads, and the like, or seewan, cannot come to any terms with them. Though the people trade such things for proper wares, I know not whether it is permitted by the laws of the Company. I have now ordered from Holland most all necessities ; but expect to pass through the winter with hard and scanty food.

The country yields many good things for the support of life, but they are all too unfit and wild to be gathered. Better regulations should be established, as doubtless will gradually be the case, so that

people who have the knowledge and implements for seeking out all kinds of things in their season shall secure and gather them. In the meanwhile, I wish the Honorable Directors to be courteously enquired of, how I can have the opportunity to possess a portion of land, and at my own expense to support myself upon it. For as long as there is no more accommodation to be obtained here from the country people, I shall be compelled to order everything from the Fatherland at great expense and with much risk and trouble, or else live here upon these poor and hard rations alone, which would badly suit me and my children. We want ten or twelve farmers with horses, cows and laborers in proportion, to furnish us with bread and fresh butter, milk and cheese. There are convenient places which can be easily protected and very suitable, which can be bought from the savages for trifling toys, or could be occupied without risk, because we have more than enough shares which have never been cleared but have been always reserved for that purpose. The business of furs is dull on account of a new war of the *Macchibungs* [Mohawks] against the Mohicans at the upper end of this river. There have occurred cruel murders on both sides. The Mohicans have fled and their lands are unoccupied and are very fertile and pleasant. It grieves us that there are no people, and that there is no regulation of the Honorable Directors to occupy the same. They fell much wood here to carry to the Fatherland, but the vessels are too few to take much of it. They are making a windmill to saw the wood and we also have a grist mill. They bake brick here, but it is very poor. There is good material for burning lime, namely, oyster shells, in large quantities. The burning of potash has not succeeded; the master and his laborers are all greatly disappointed. We are busy now in building a fort of good quarry stone, which is to be found not far from here in abundance. May the Lord only build and watch over our walls. There is good opportunity for making salt, for there are convenient places, the water is salt enough, and there is no want of heat in summer. Besides, as to the waters, both of the sea and rivers, they yield all kinds of fish; and as to the land, it abounds in all kinds of game, wild and in the groves, with vegetables, fruits, roots, herbs and plants, both for eating and medicinal purposes; and with which wonderful cures can be effected, which it would take too long to tell, nor could I do justice to the tale.

Your Reverence has already obtained some knowledge thereof and will be able to obtain from others further information. The country is good and pleasant, the climate is healthy, notwithstanding the sudden changes of cold and heat. The sun is very warm, the winter is strong and severe and continues fully as long as in our country. The best remedy is not to spare the wood, of which there is enough, and to cover one's self with rough skins, which can also easily be obtained.

The harvest, God be praised, is in the barns, and is larger than ever before. There had been more work put on it than before. The ground is fertile enough to reward labor, but they must clear it well, and till it just as our lands require. Until now there has been distress because many people were not very industrious, and also did not obtain proper sustenance for want of bread and other necessities. But affairs are beginning to put on a better appearance, if only the (Directors) will send out good laborers and exercise all care that they be maintained as well as possible with what this country produces.

I had promised (to write) to the Honorable Brethren, Rudolphus Petri, Joannes Sylvius and Domine Cloppenburg, who, with your Reverence, were charged with the superintendence of these regions (*); but as this would take long and the time is short, and my occupations at the present time many, will your Reverence be pleased to give my friendly and kind regards to their Reverences, and to excuse me, on condition that I remain their debtor to fulfill my promise—God willing—the next time. Will you, also, give my sincere respects to the Reverend Domine Triglandius, and to all the Brethren of the Consistory besides, to all of whom I have not thought it necessary to write particularly at this time, as they are made by me participants in these tidings, and are content to be fed from the hand of your Reverence. If it shall be convenient for your Reverence or any of the Reverend Brethren to write to me a letter concerning matters which might be important in any degree to me, it would be very interesting to me, living here in a wild country without any society of our order, and would be a spur to

(*) Mr. Bodel Nijenhuis states that it was so committed to some of the ministers of Amsterdam by the Synod of North Holland; and the ministers above mentioned were all at that time active ministers at Amsterdam, where Sylvius and Triglandius had been since 1610, Petri since 1612, and Cloppenburg since 1621.

write more assiduously to the Reverend Brethren concerning what may happen here. And especially do not forget my hearty salutation to the beloved wife and brother-in-law of your Reverence, who have shown me nothing but friendship and kindness above my deserts. If there is anything in which I can in return serve or gratify your Reverence, I shall be glad to do so, and shall not be delinquent in anything. Concluding then herewith, and commending myself to your Reverence's favor and to your holy prayers to the Lord.

Reverend and learned Sir, Beloved Brother in Christ, and Kind Friend :

Heartily commending your Reverence and all of you to Almighty God, to continued health and prosperity, and to eternal salvation, by His Grace.

From the island of Manhatus in New Netherland, this 11th day of August, Anno 1628, by me, your Reverence's very obedient servant in Christ.

JONAS MICHAËLIUS.

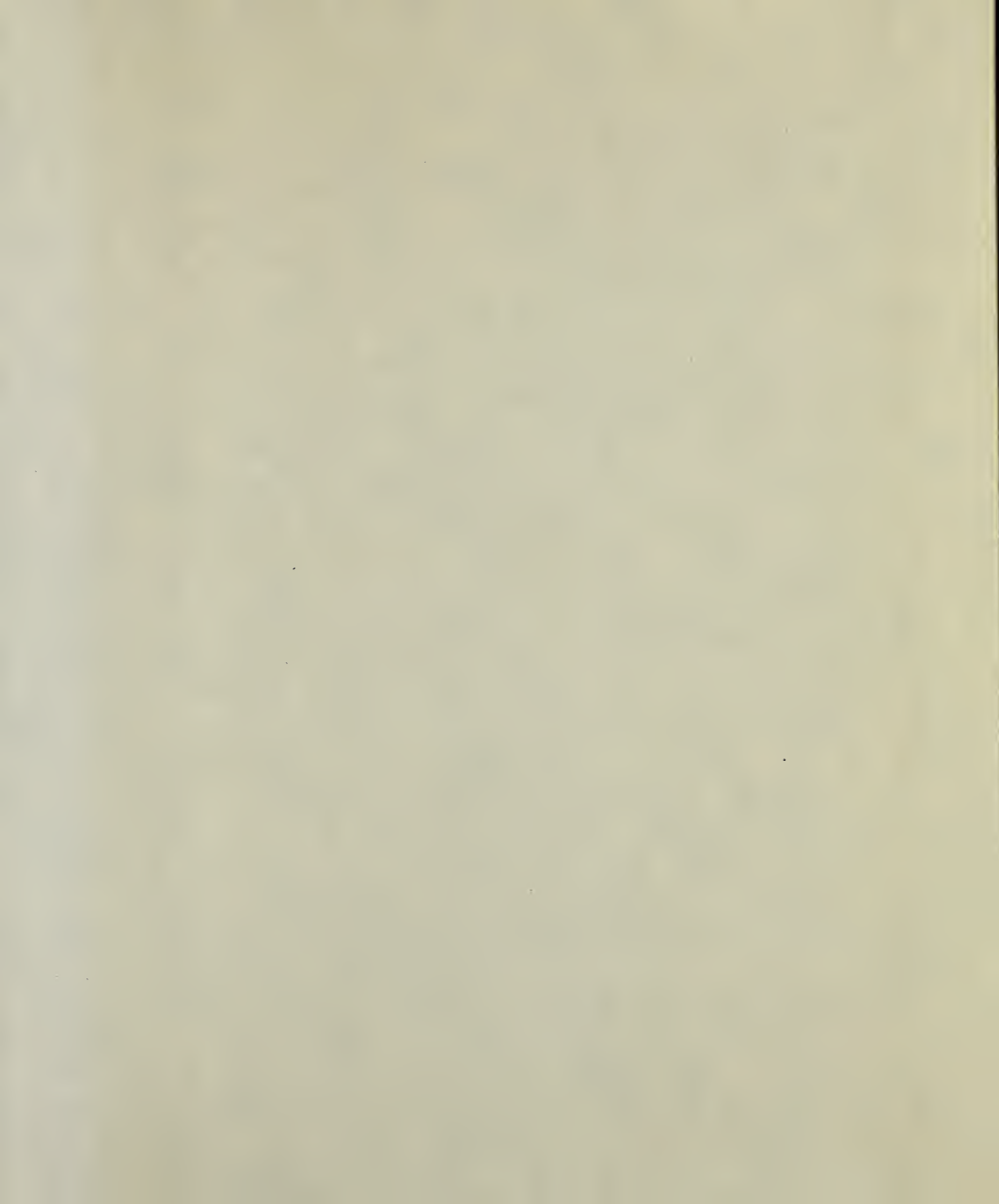
(*Endorsed.*) The honorable, learned and pious Mr. Adrian Smoutius, faithful minister of the holy gospel of Christ in his Church, dwelling upon the Heeren-gracht, not far from the house of the West India Company, Amsterdam. By a friend whom God preserve.

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